

The background of the slide is a deep space image showing numerous galaxies of various shapes and sizes, some appearing as bright yellow or orange points of light, others as more complex, elongated structures. Overlaid on this cosmic scene is a network of thin, bright blue lines that intersect to form a grid-like pattern across the entire frame.

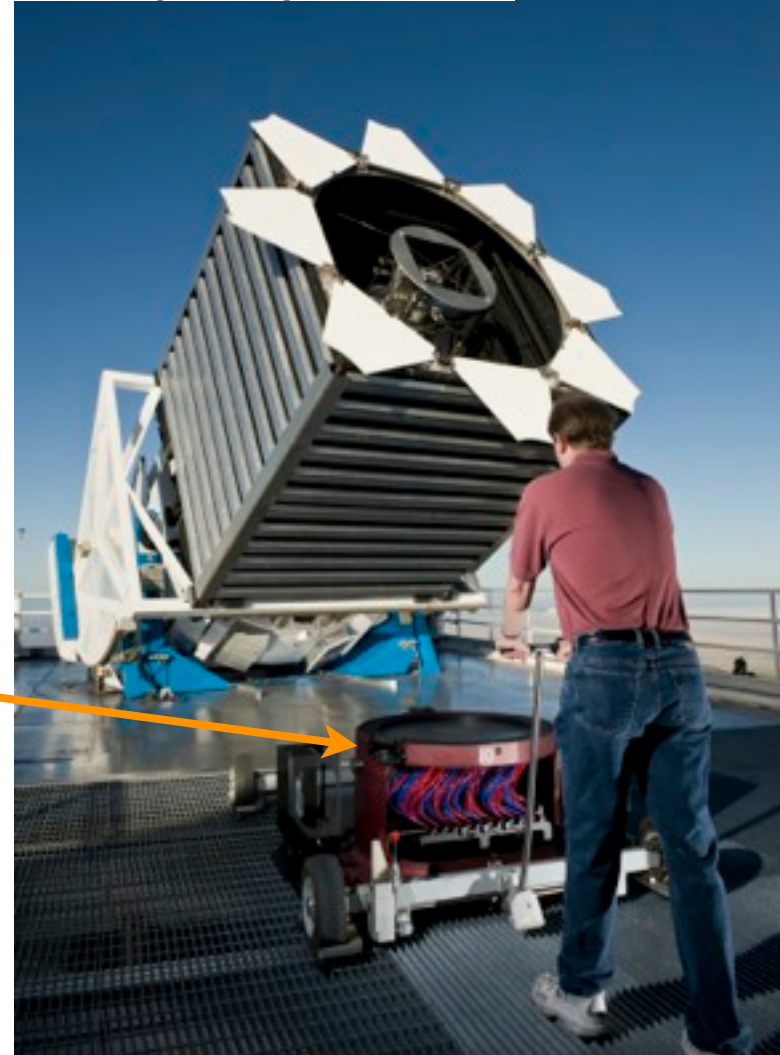
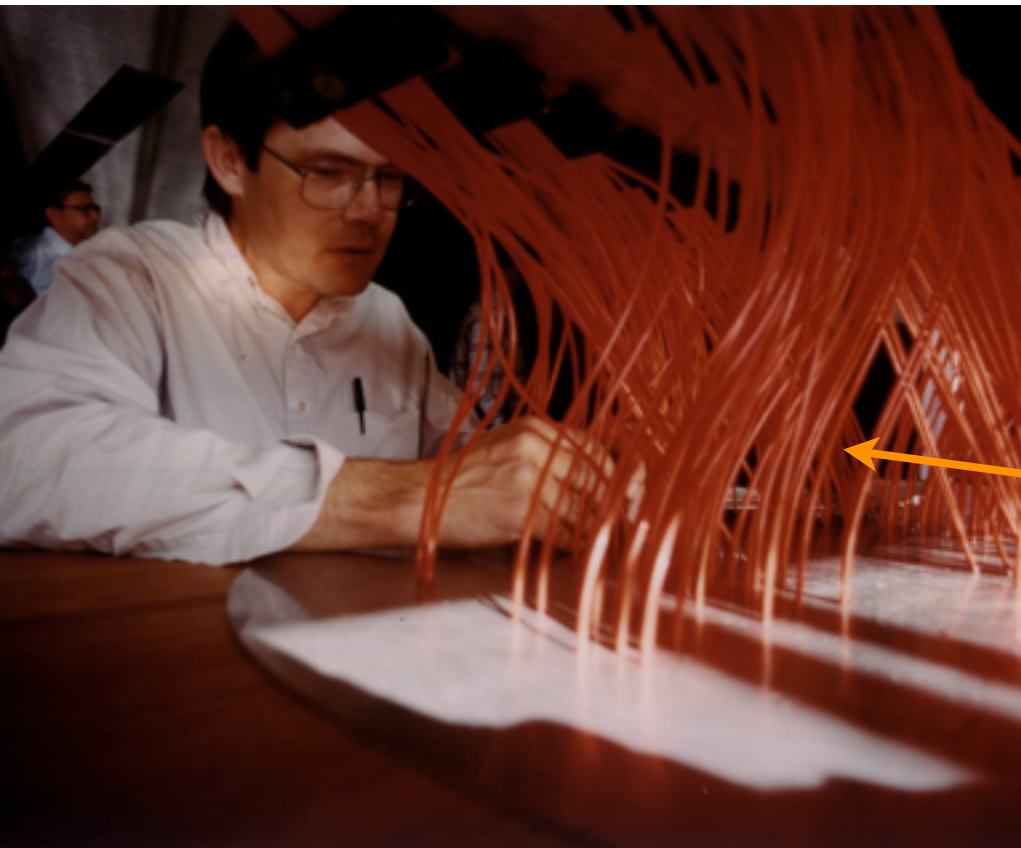
# **BigBOSS**

**David Schlegel  
on behalf of the BigBOSS collaboration**

# ***BOSS was the 1st Stage III D.E.***

**BOSS is trailblazer for BigBOSS**

**Plug plates do not scale to more than 0.5 million objects/year**



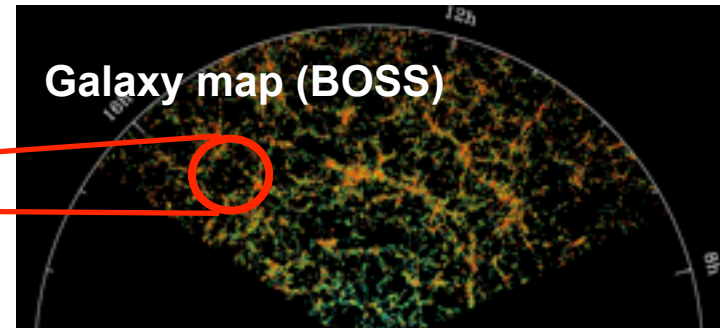
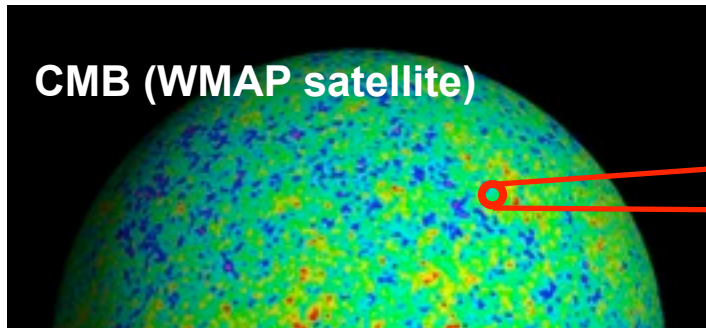
# BOSS is the 1st Stage III D.E.

Dec 2007: Spectrograph proposal to DOE

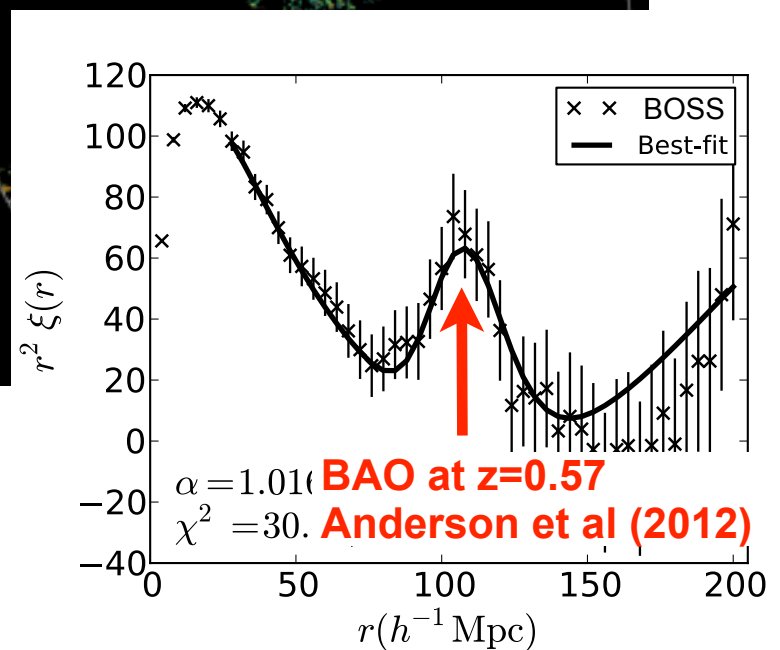
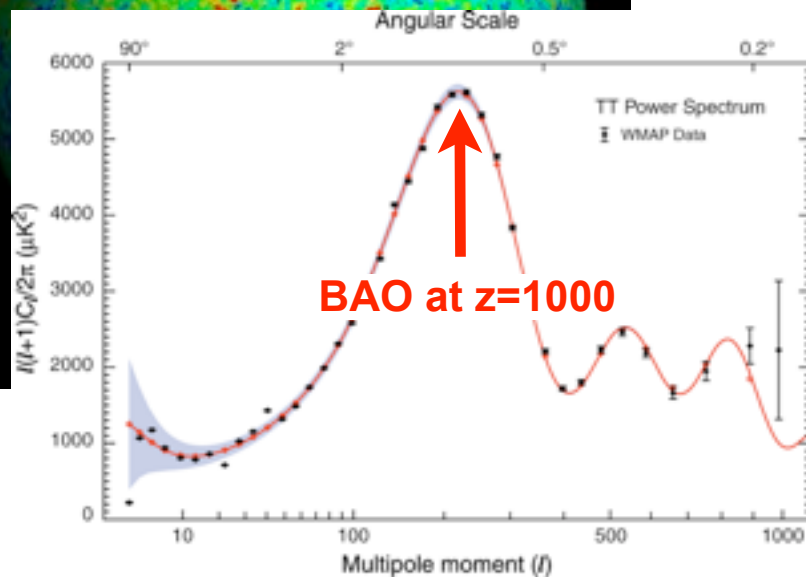
Dec 2009: Survey start

March 2012: First results from BOSS supersede all previous BAO at  $z=0.57$

Nov 2012: First results from BOSS (or anyone!!) at  $z > 2$



BAO ruler





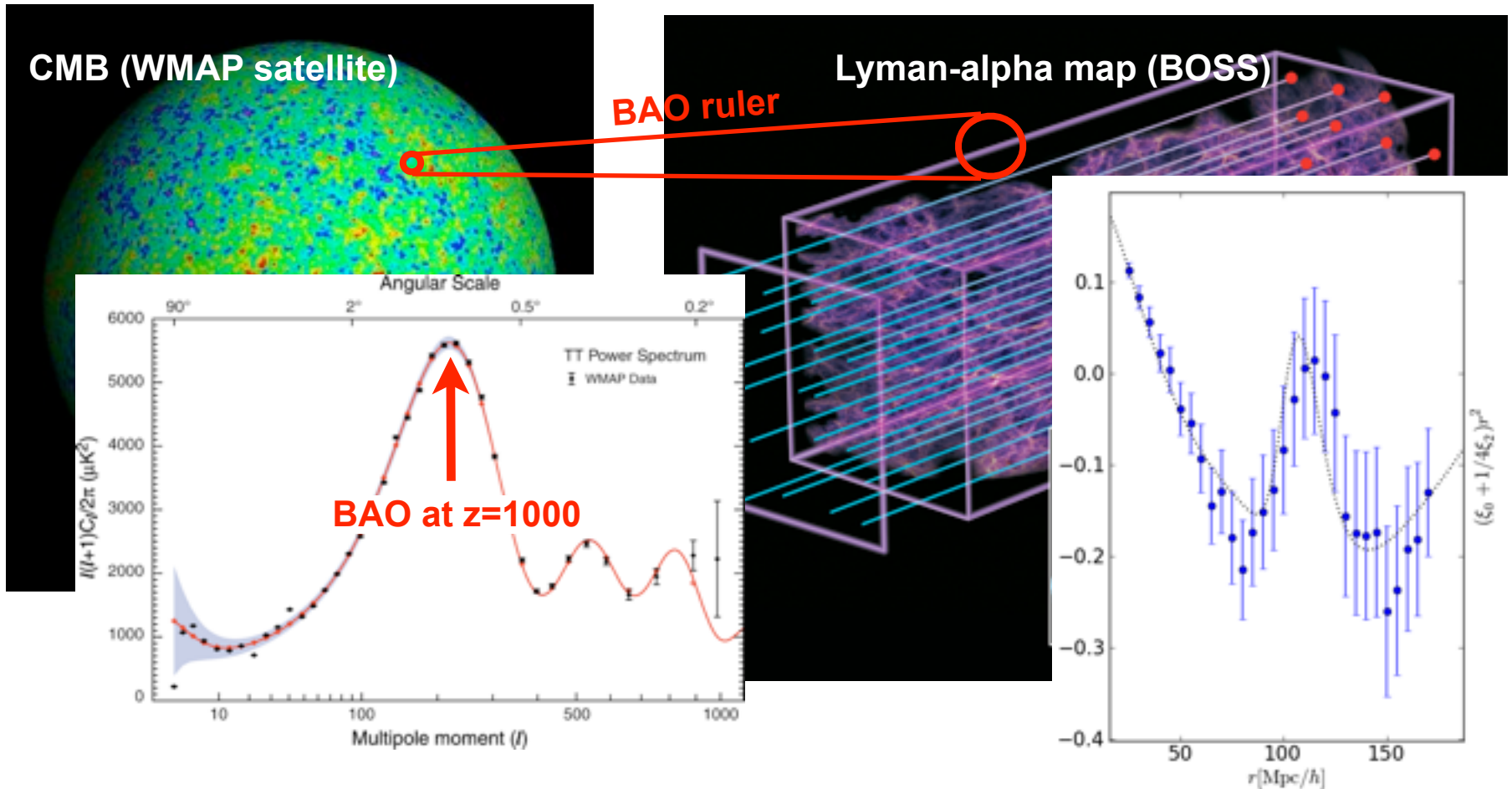
# BOSS is the 1st Stage III D.E.

Dec 2007: Spectrograph proposal to DOE

Dec 2009: Survey start

March 2012: First results from BOSS supersede all previous BAO at  $z=0.57$

Nov 2012: First results from BOSS (or anyone!!) at  $z > 2$





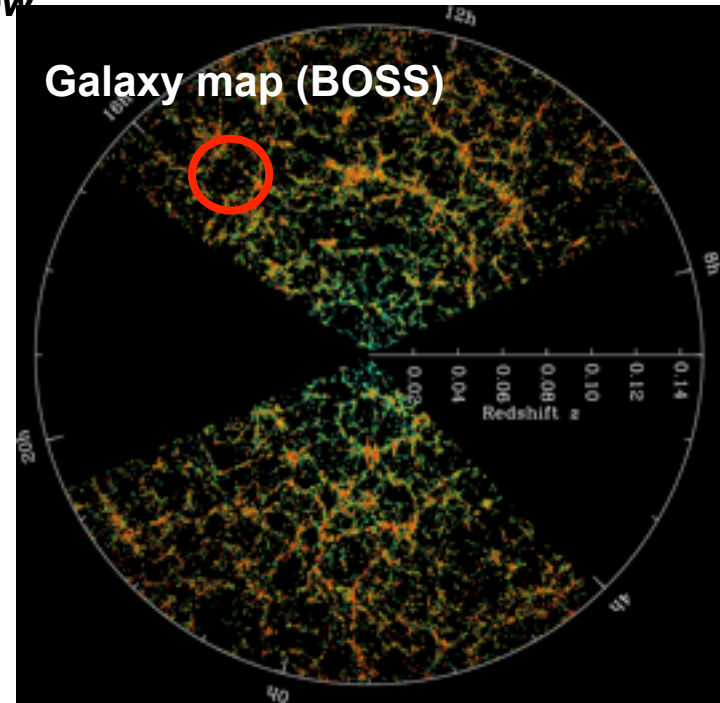
# Why was BOSS so easy?

*Target photometry uniform from SDSS*

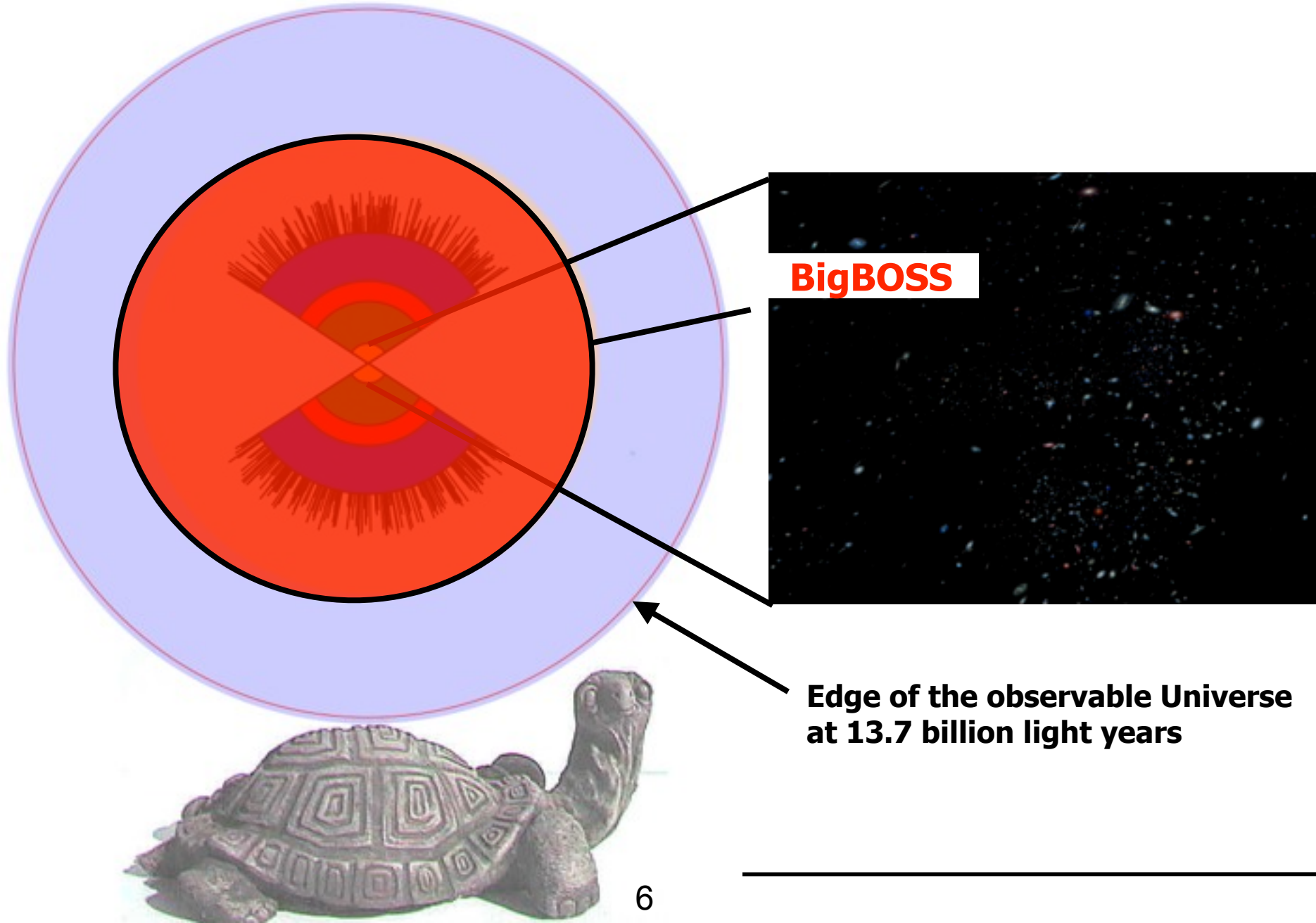
*Target photometry systematics  $\sim 1\%$   
...although objects are faint, and  $S/N \sim \text{few}$*

*Spectroscopy observed to uniform depth  
+ full wavelength coverage*

*Spectroscopy is 98% complete  
No other large survey even comes close*



# BOSS will only map ~0.5% of modes in observable Universe



# A map of only 0.5% (ie., BOSS) ?





# BigBOSS designed as 1st Stage IV D.E.

Dark Energy Task Force defined progressive capabilities

For BAO:

**Stage I: knowledge ca. 2006**

BAO detection by SDSS-I

**Stage II: running experiments**

SDSS-I + SDSS-II, WiggleZ

**Stage III: near-term experiments**

3X better than Stage II: SDSS-III/BOSS, HETDEX

**Stage IV**

10X better than Stage II: BigBOSS

# BigBOSS Collaboration formed 2009



## US Groups:

Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory  
Johns Hopkins University  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
National Optical Astronomy Observatory  
New York University  
The Ohio State University  
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Santa Cruz/Lick Observatory

University of Kansas  
University of Michigan  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Utah  
Yale University

## Non-U.S. Groups:

Ewha Womans University, Korea  
French Participation Group  
APC, IAP- Paris; CPP, CPT, LAP  
Marseille; CEA, IRFU – Saclay  
Spanish Participation Group  
IAA, Granada; IAC, Tenerife; ICC, Barcelona;  
IFT, Madrid; U. Valencia  
Shanghai Astronomical Observatory  
UK Participation Group  
Durham, Edinburgh, UC London, Portsmouth  
University of Science and Technology of China

# BigBOSS timeline

**Apr 2009 White paper**

**Nov 2009 DOE Particle Astrophysics Science Advisory Group (PASAG)**

“BigBOSS is in the early planning stages, but presents a legitimate possibility of achieving a significant fraction of the BAO science goals for JDEM at <\$100M cost. **Substantial immediate support is recommended for BigBOSS R&D so that ground BAO possibilities are known for timely planning of a coherent ground-space dark energy effort.**”

**Nov 2009 NOAO call** *“Large Science Programs Providing New Observing Capabilities for the Mayall 4m Telescope on Kitt Peak”*

**Aug 2010 Astro2010 Decadal Survey**

BigBOSS highly recommended as 1 of 4 “Projects Thought Compelling for the Mid-Scale Innovations Program” in the cost range \$US 40-100 million.

**Oct 2010 NOAO telescope time**

495 night survey program awarded.



# BigBOSS timeline

## December 2011 - Department of Energy (DOE) review

*“In summary, the panel believed that the R&D plan will lead to a mature technical design within 18 months. The panel found that the management team is clearly ready to move ahead with the project as soon as the external hurdles are cleared, including the telescope availability, and roles and responsibilities of the lead laboratories and funding agencies. The management should work with the stakeholders and agencies to bring BigBOSS to a condition where CD-0 approval can be requested expeditiously. Due to the maturity of the collaboration and design, critical decision 1 (CD-1) approval could quickly follow.”*

## August 2012 - National Science Foundation “Portfolio Review”

- o Endorses capability of BigBOSS on a 4-m telescope, ranked just after LSST in importance to Cosmology and Fundamental Physics*
- o Recommends “divestment” of NSF from the Mayall telescope by 2017*
- o BigBOSS could operate Mayall telescope full-time starting in 2017 for either a faster survey, or more ambitious 1500-night project in 5 years*

# BigBOSS: Stage IV BAO

**BigBOSS designed as Stage IV BAO**

**Redshift depth from 4-m telescope (Mayall Telescope)**

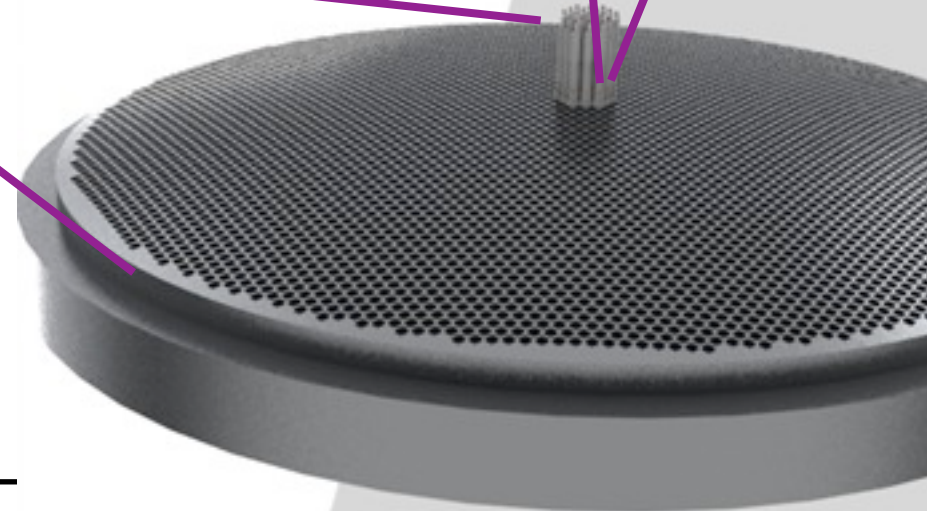
**Volume of universe with 3-degree optical corrector**

**Numbers from 5000 robotic fiber positioners**



**Fiber positioners**

**Focal plane**



# BigBOSS: Stage IV BAO

## Instrument

3 deg diameter FOV prime focus corrector  
5000 fiber positioner, 1 min. reconfiguration  
10 x 3-arm spectrographs, 3600-9800 Ang

## Analysis pipeline

## Key Project

495 nights at Mayall 3.8-m  
14,000 deg<sup>2</sup> survey  
50,000,000 spectra of 24 million targets

4 million  
18 million  
2.5 million  
1 million

1. Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)	$z = 0.5 \rightarrow 1$	2 exposures
2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)	$z = 0.5 \rightarrow 1.6$	1 exposure
3. Tracer QSOs	$z = 0.5 \rightarrow 3.5$	1 exposure
4. Lyman-alpha QSOs	$z > 2.1$	5 exposures



# BigBOSS: Stage IV BAO

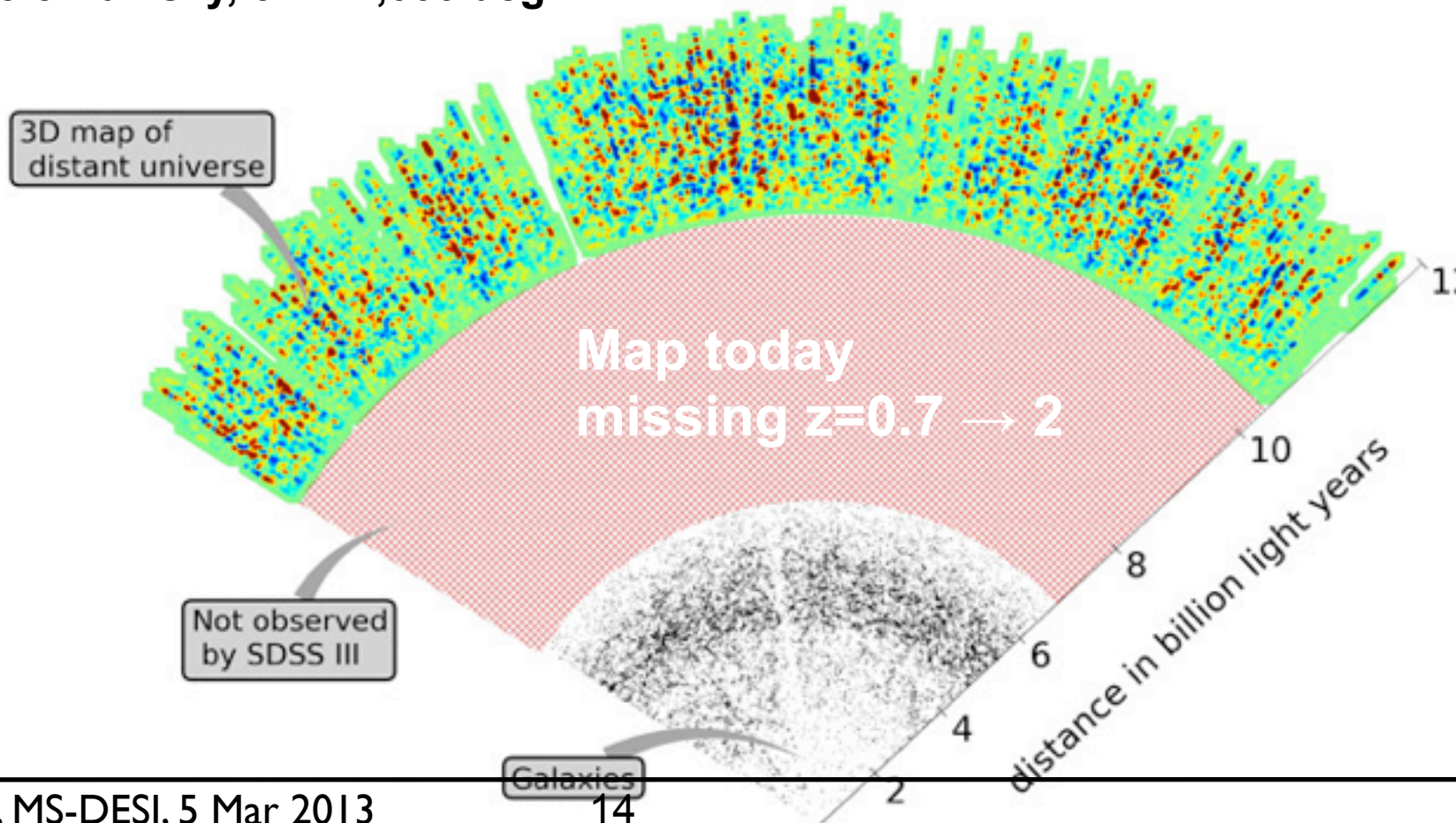
BigBOSS designed as Stage IV BAO

Requires:

- spectroscopic redshifts

- >20 million objects spanning  $z=0 \rightarrow 2$

- $\sim 1/3$  of full sky, or  $\sim 14,000 \text{ deg}^2$



# BigBOSS: Stage IV BAO

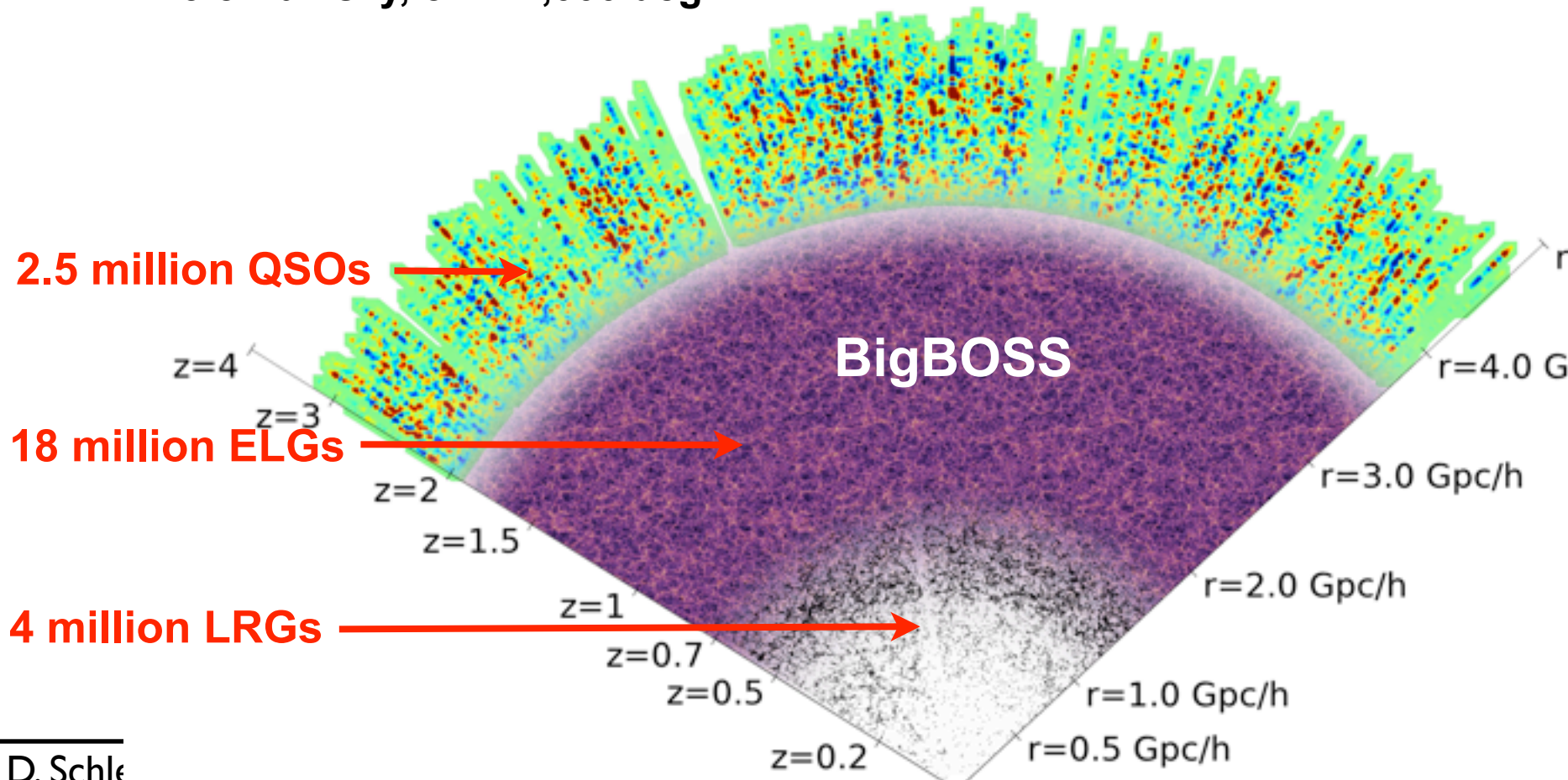
BigBOSS designed as Stage IV BAO

Requires:

- spectroscopic redshifts

- >20 million objects spanning  $z=0 \rightarrow 2$

- $\sim 1/3$  of full sky, or  $\sim 14,000 \text{ deg}^2$





# BigBOSS targets

Four target categories:

## 1. Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)

4 million LRGs

- Selected to  $z < 1$
- Efficient BAO tracers due to large bias

## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

18 million ELGs

- Selected  $0.5 < z < 1.6$  when the Universe was forming stars
- Redshifts from [O II] emission lines

## 3. QSOs

2.5 million QSOs

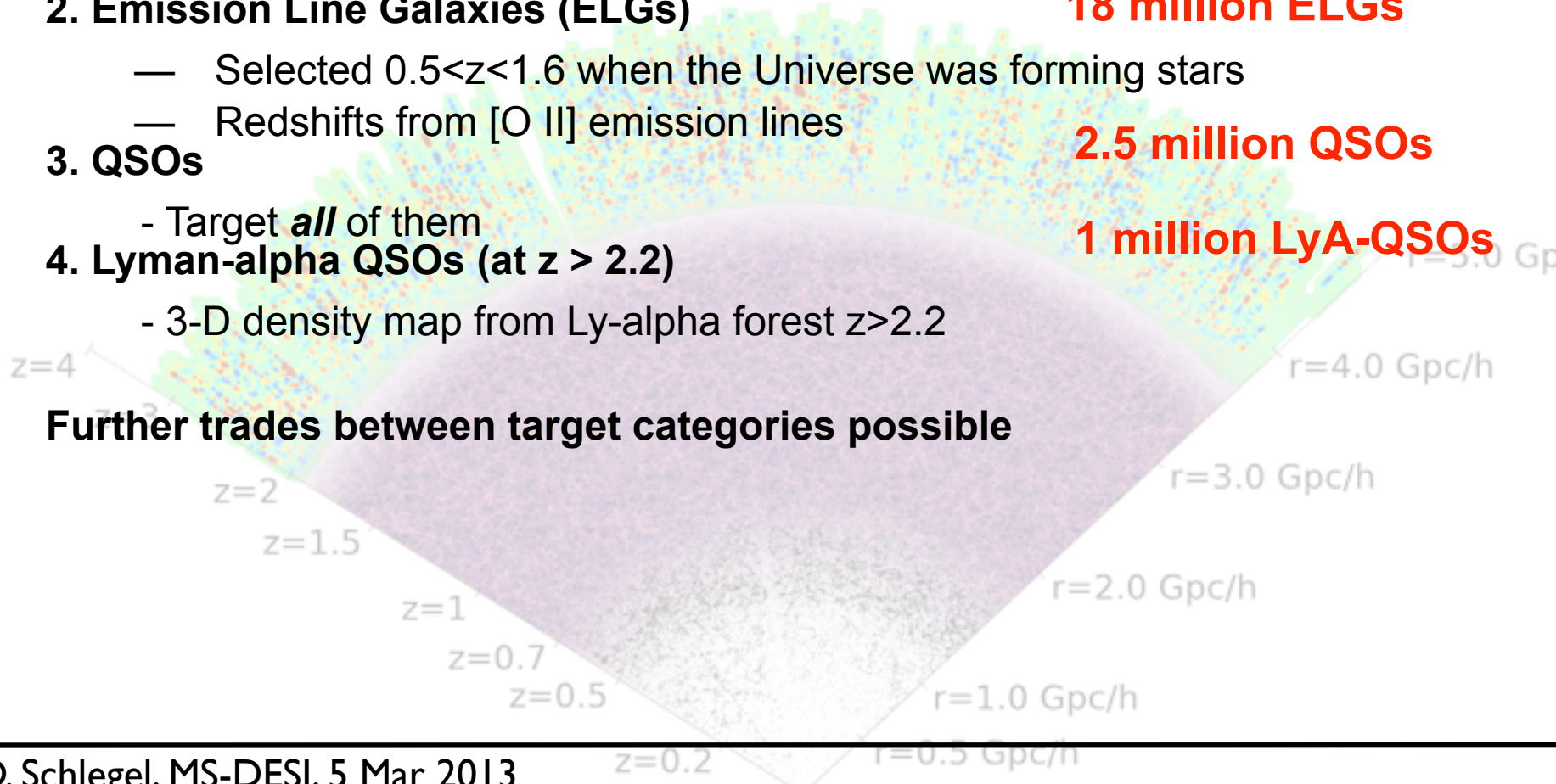
- Target *all* of them

## 4. Lyman-alpha QSOs (at $z > 2.2$ )

1 million LyA-QSOs

- 3-D density map from Ly-alpha forest  $z > 2.2$

Further trades between target categories possible



# 1. Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)

LRGs have been the workhorse of BAO surveys (SDSS, BOSS)

All LRG spectra look nearly identical to  $z \sim 1$

*Entire spectrum used for redshift,*

*dominant features are “4000 Angstrom break” and “Ca H+K lines” to  $z=1.2$*

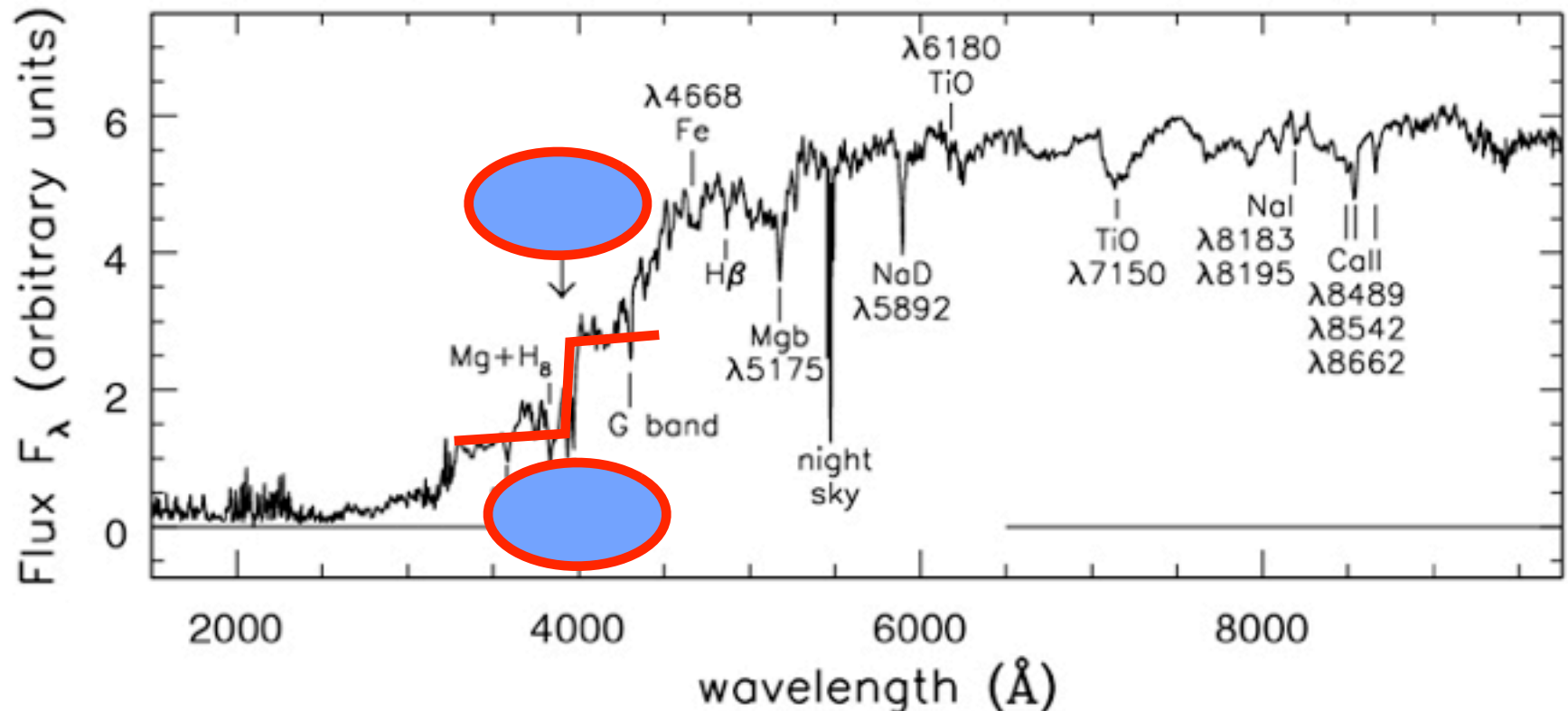


Fig 6.17 (A. Kinney) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007



# 1. Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)

LRG tracers at  $0.5 < z < 1$

*The most massive galaxies in the Universe*

*Excellent tracers of dark matter halos*

*Well-studied in N-body simulations*

Test data:

1.5 million LRGs from SDSS + SDSS-II + BOSS to  $z=0.7$

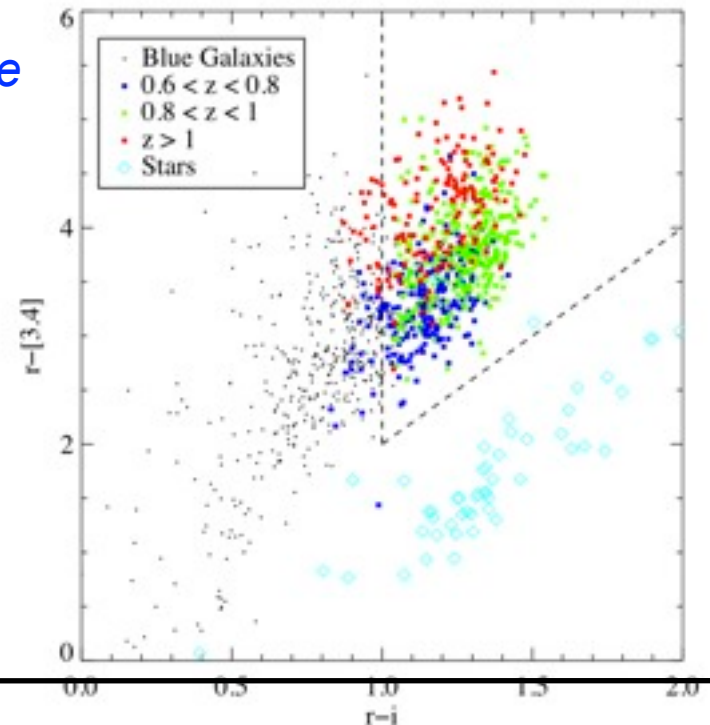
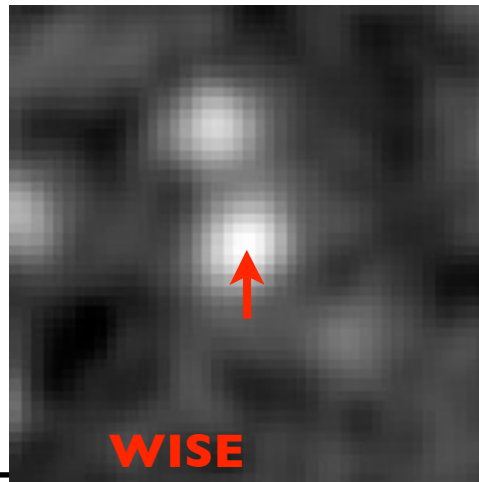
**+20,000 LRGs from BOSS ancillary programs in 2012-2013**

BigBOSS targets:

4 million LRGs to  $z=1$

*Selected at 3.4 micron from WISE satellite*

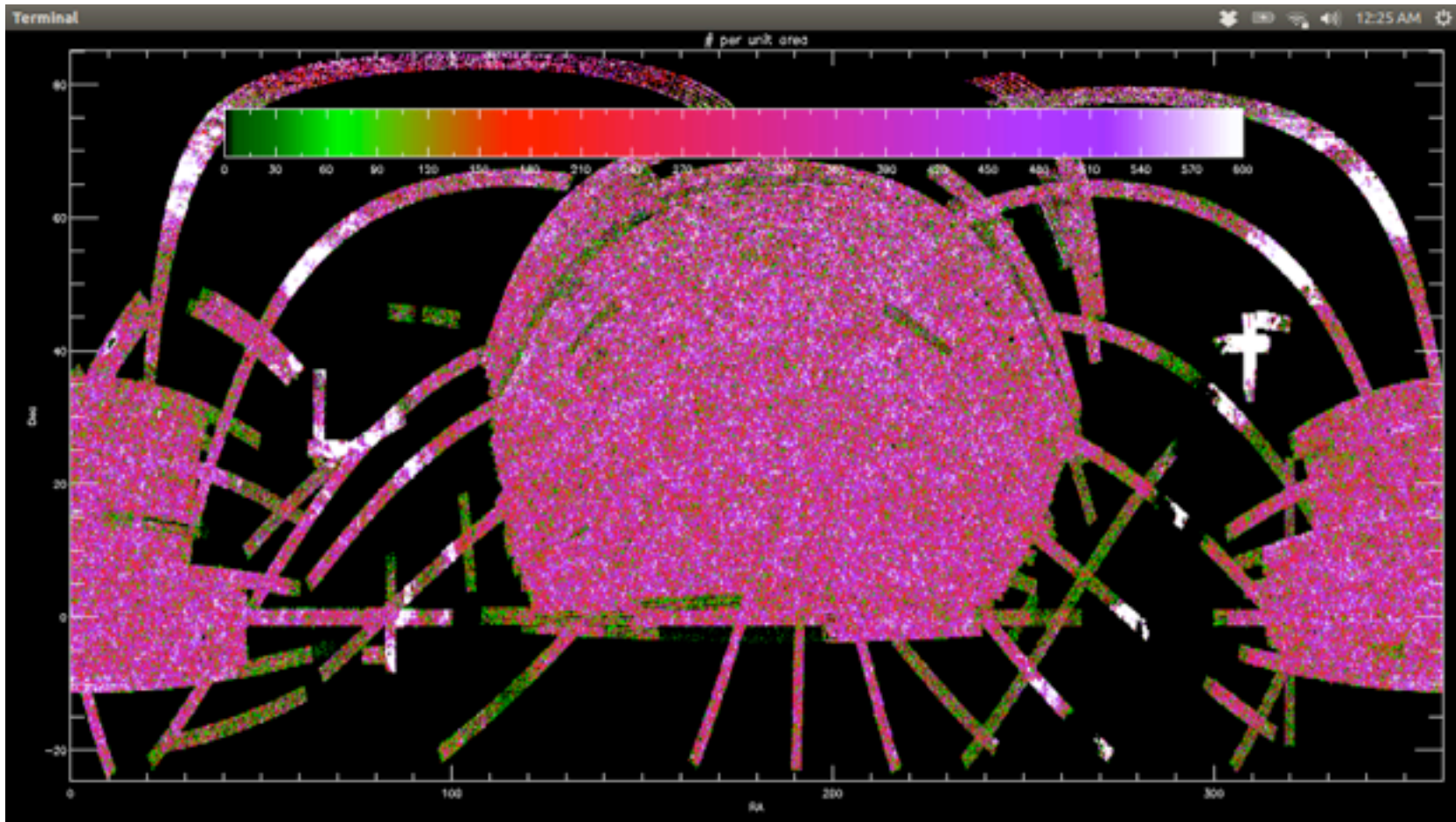
*+ SDSS/ZTF imaging (2-band only)*



# 1. Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)

SDSS + WISE

1.4 million LRGs selected to  $i=22$  in SDSS (preliminary!)



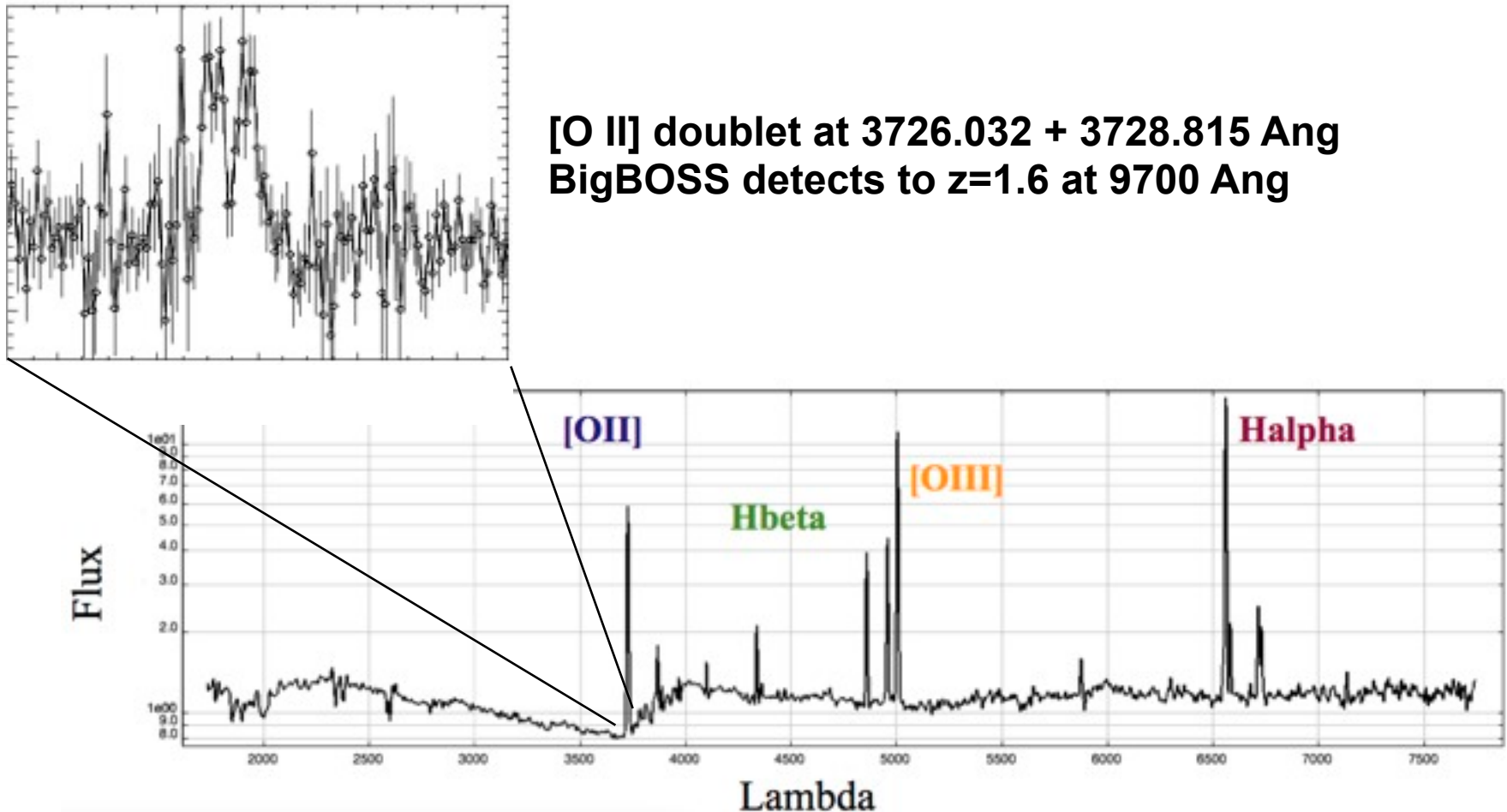
Jeff Newman, Tim Licquia

## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

ELGs unique signature of [O II] doublet, detectable from  $z=0$  to  $z=1.7$

*Well-studied as the ~5% brightest galaxies in the DEEP2 survey*

ELGs drive BigBOSS wavelength coverage, throughput, & resolution



## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

ELGs tracers at  $0.5 < z < 1.6$

*Epoch of star formation peaks in these galaxies at  $z \sim 1$*

*Easy to select from optical colors*

Test data:

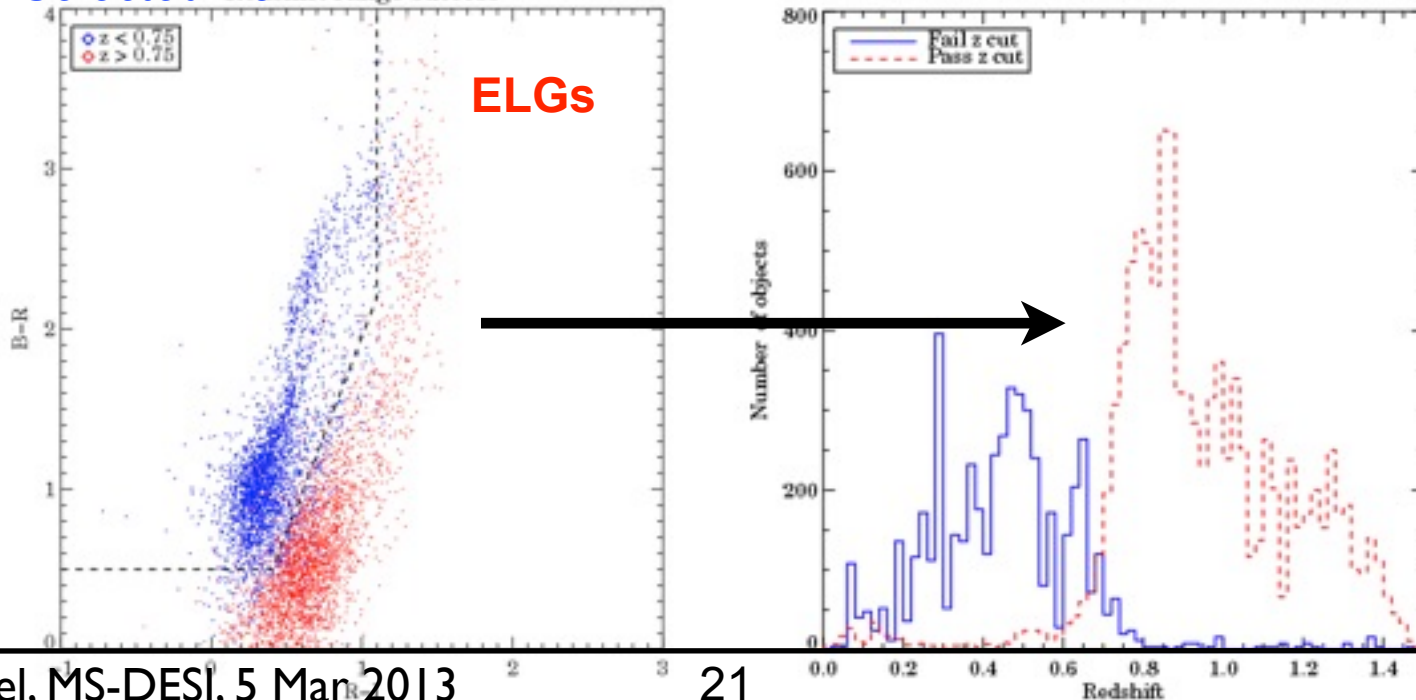
40,000 ELGs from DEEP2, VVDS over 4 deg<sup>2</sup> total

**+40,000 ELGs from BOSS ancillary programs in 2012-2013 to  $z=1.6$**

BigBOSS targets:

18 million ELGs in BigBOSS survey

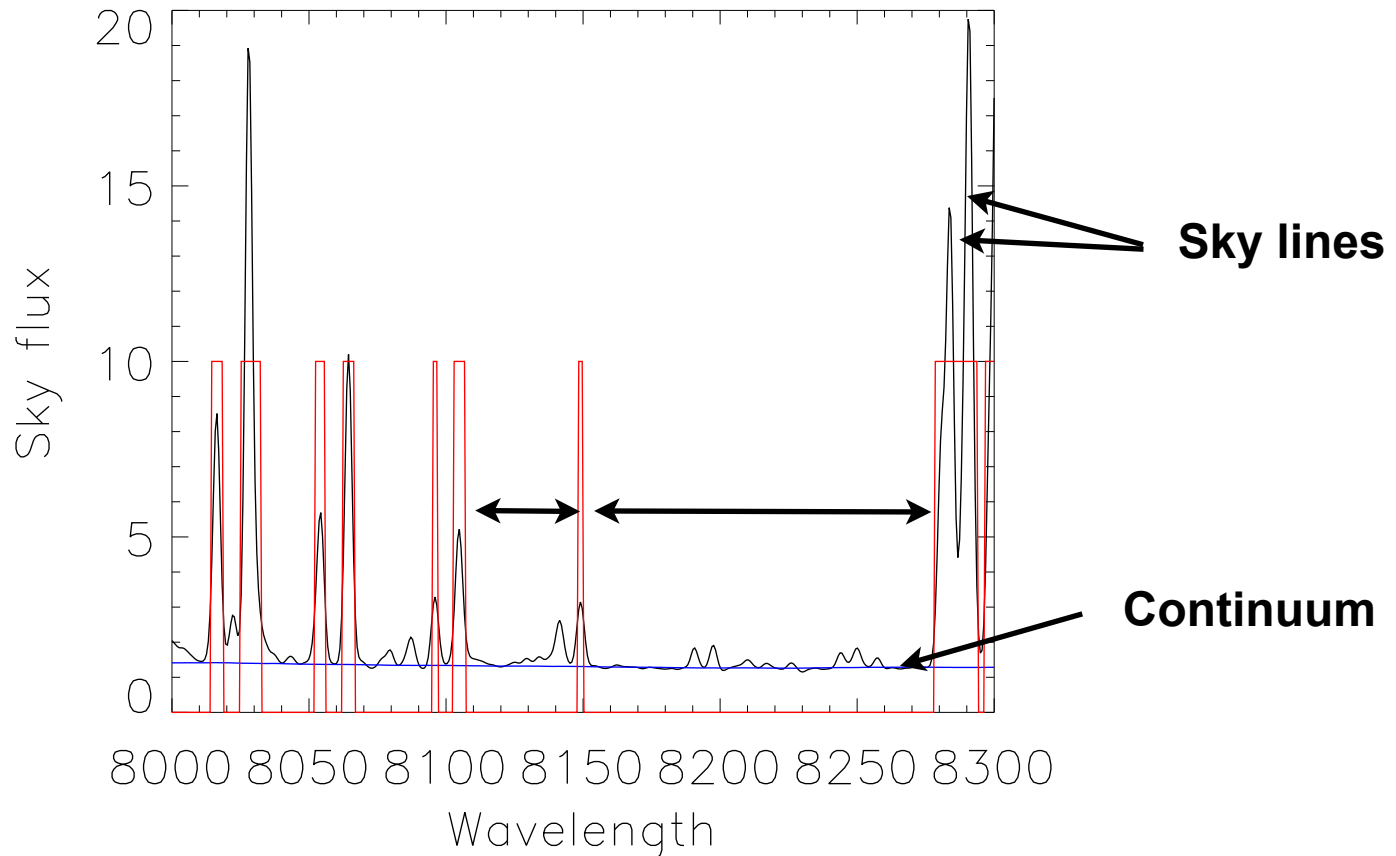
*Selected from ZTF*





## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

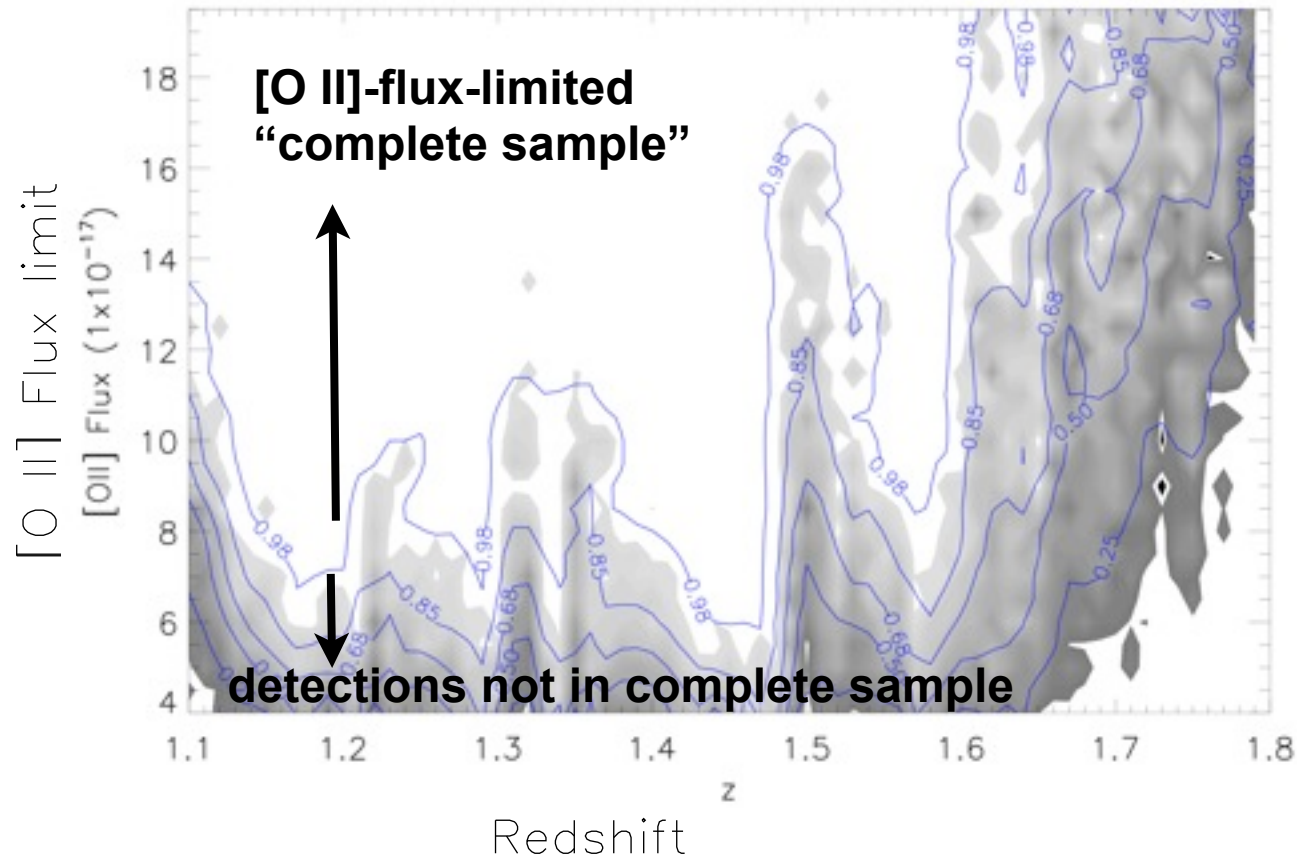
ELG complete sample requires  $R > 5000$  for free spectral range



**Higher resolution → Increased free spectral range**  
**~80% for  $R=4000$**

## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

ELG complete sample requires  $R > 4000$  for high-confidence redshifts

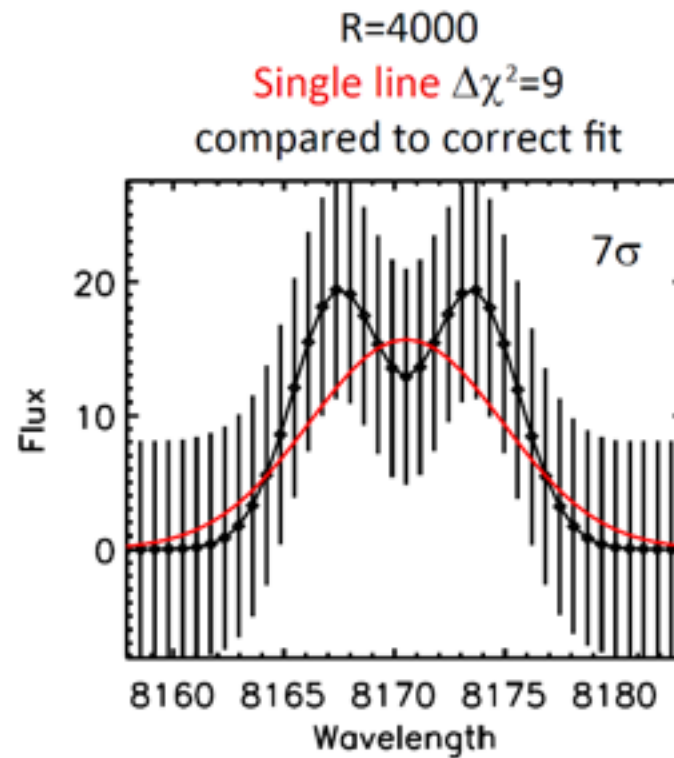
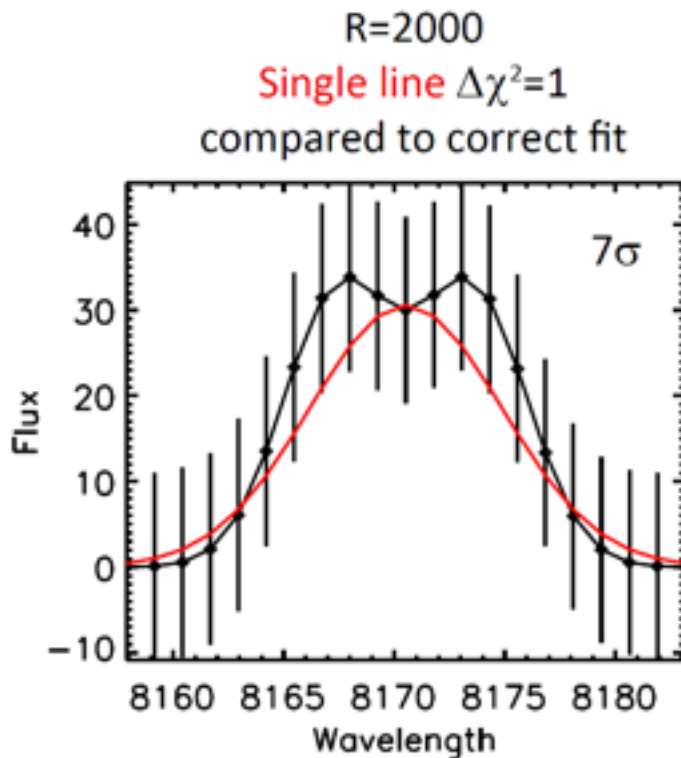


Nick Mostek

## 2. Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

ELG complete sample requires  $R > 5000$  for high-confidence redshifts

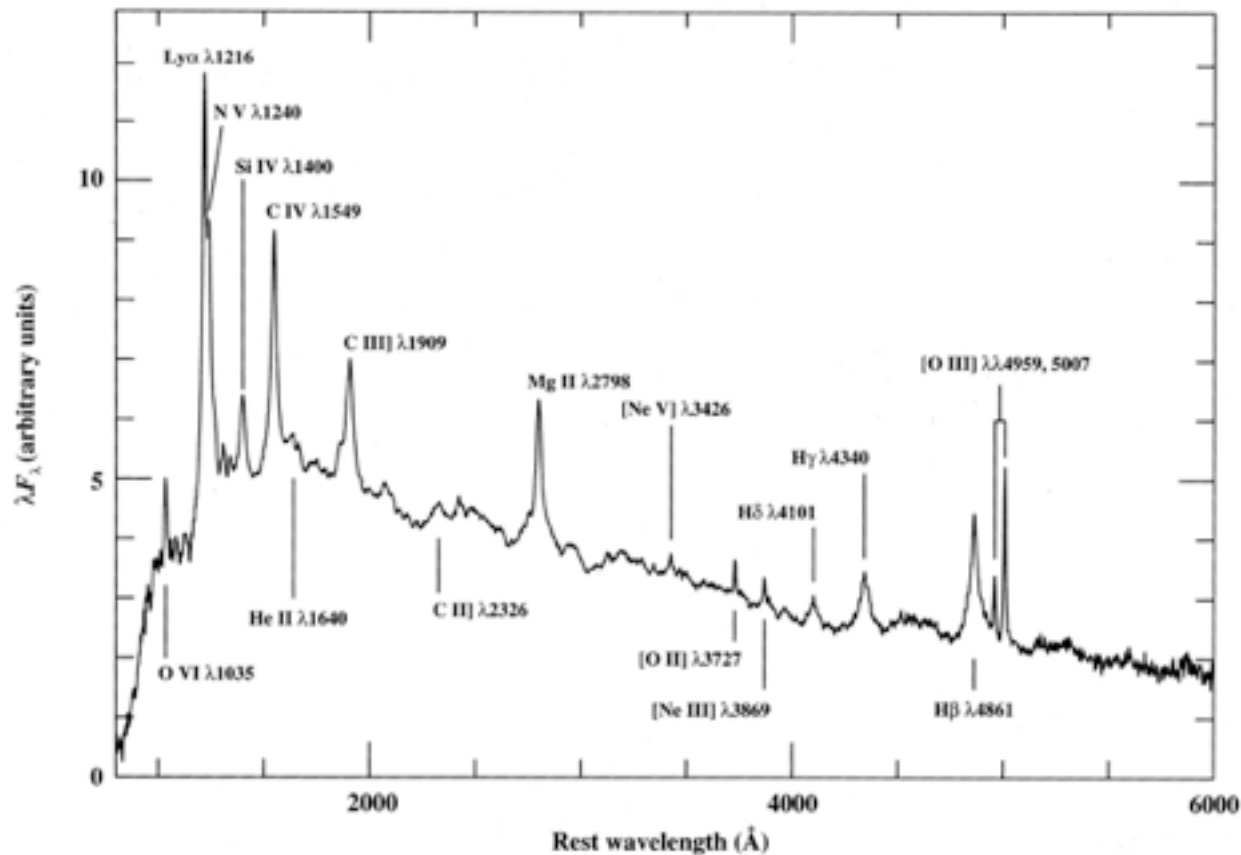
- At  $R=2000$ , [OII] doublet at 7-sigma is degenerate with a single-line identification of anything



### 3. QSOs as tracers

QSO spectra are obvious even at very faint S/N

BOSS survey easily identifies to  $g=22$ , BigBOSS extends to  $g=23.5$





# 3. QSOs as tracers

QSO tracers at  $0.5 < z < 3.5$

*The brightest objects at  $z > 2$*

+ QSO Lyman-alpha forest at  $2.2 < z < 3.5$

Test data:

BOSS spectra for 160,000 to  $g=22$

**+15,000 QSOs from BOSS +MMT ancillary programs to  $g=23.5$**

BigBOSS targets:

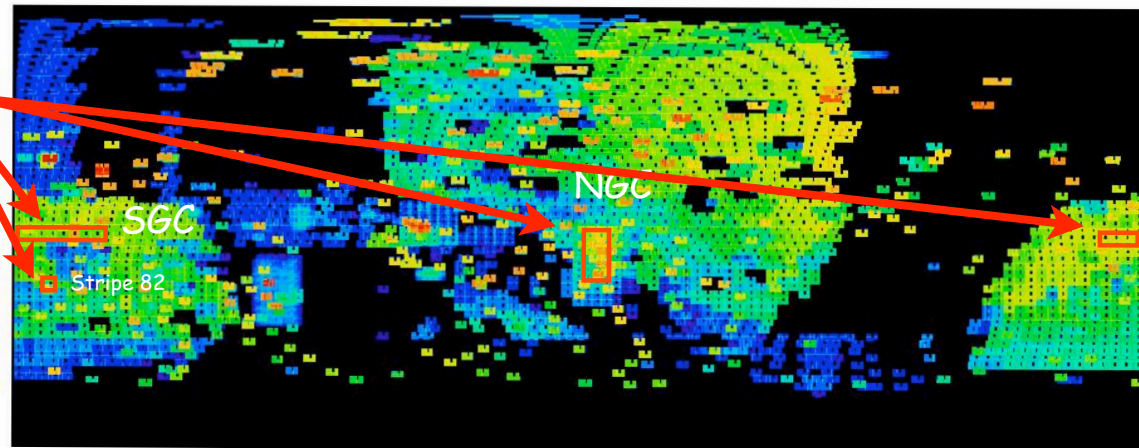
2.5 million QSOs from ZTF

Every QSO to  $r < 23.5$

***Simplify target selection:*** select QSOs at all redshifts from variability

***Being studied now:*** select using WISE photometry (complete)

PTF test fields



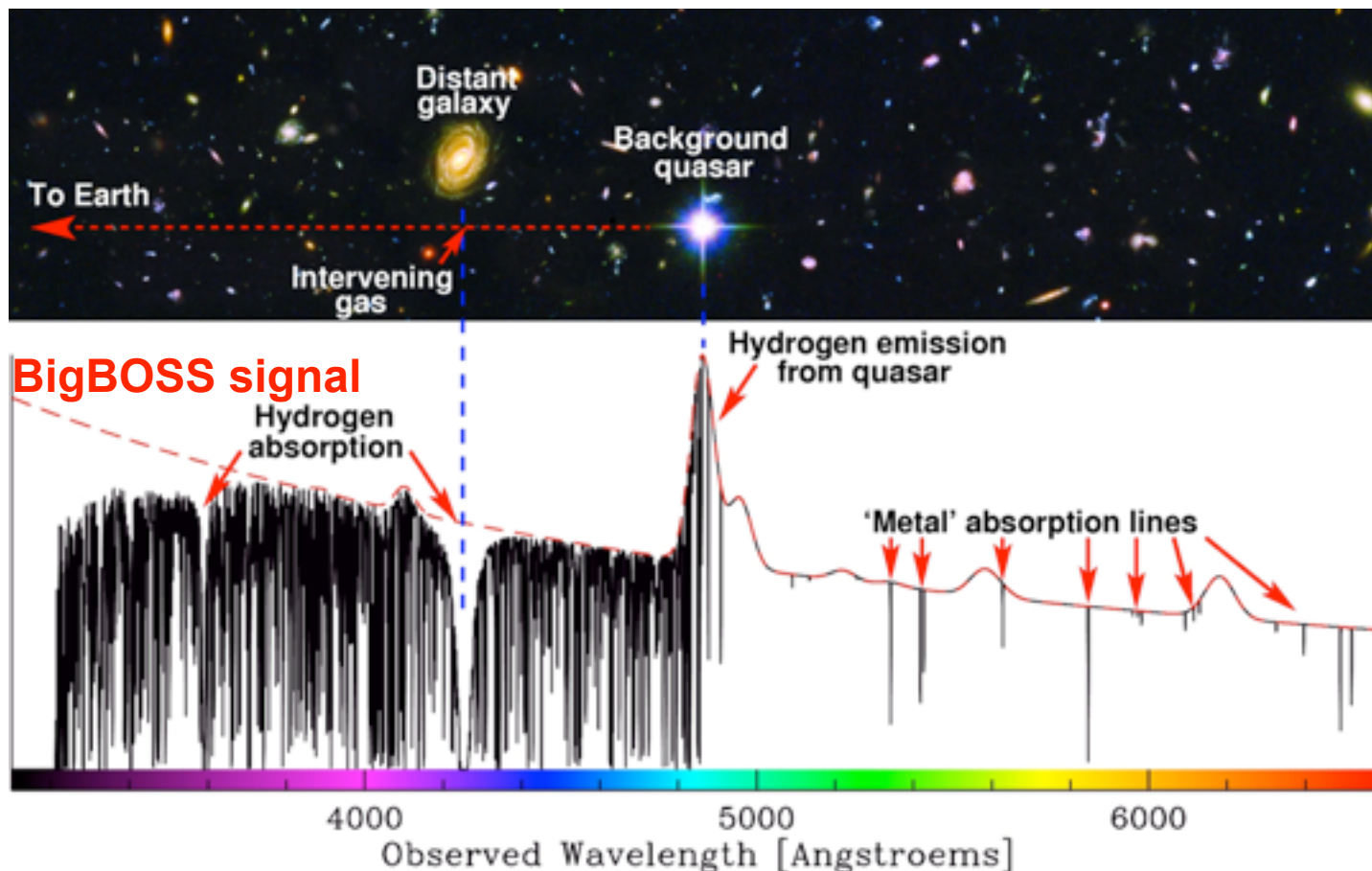
# 4. Lyman-alpha forest from QSOs

QSOs at  $z < 2.2$  will be observed once → “tracer QSOs”

QSOs at  $z > 2.2$  will be observed 5X for high S/N for “Lyman-alpha forest”

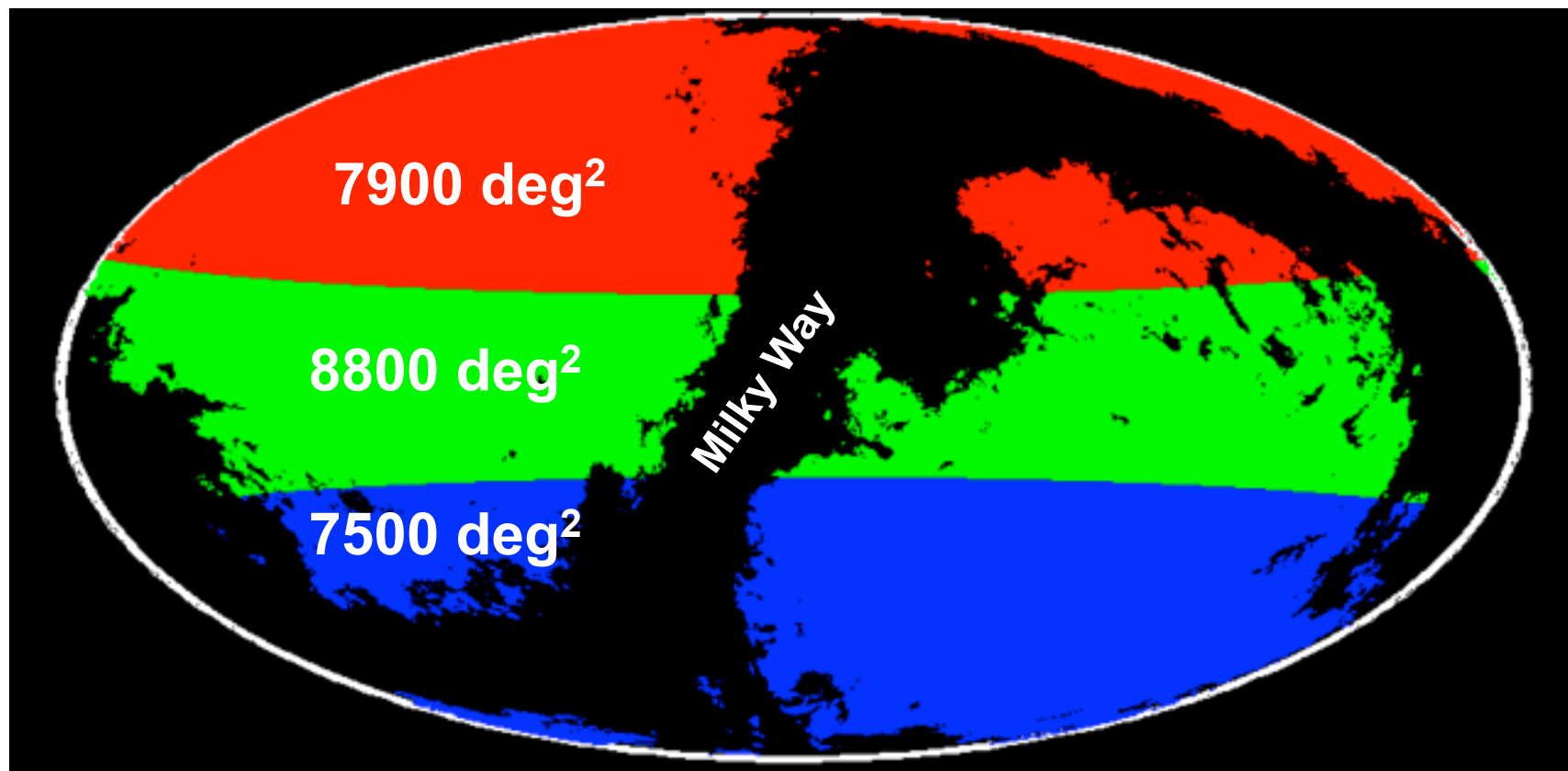
*Map of hydrogen gas along line-of-sight skewers*

*BOSS has demonstrated their use as 3-D maps for BAO*



# BigBOSS target sources

SDSS -> PTF -> ZTF (optical)  
WISE (infrared for LRGs, QSOs)  
GAIA (astrometry)



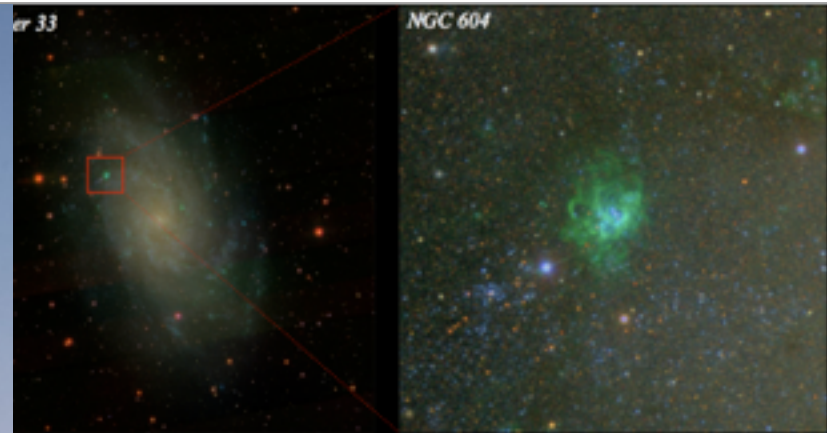
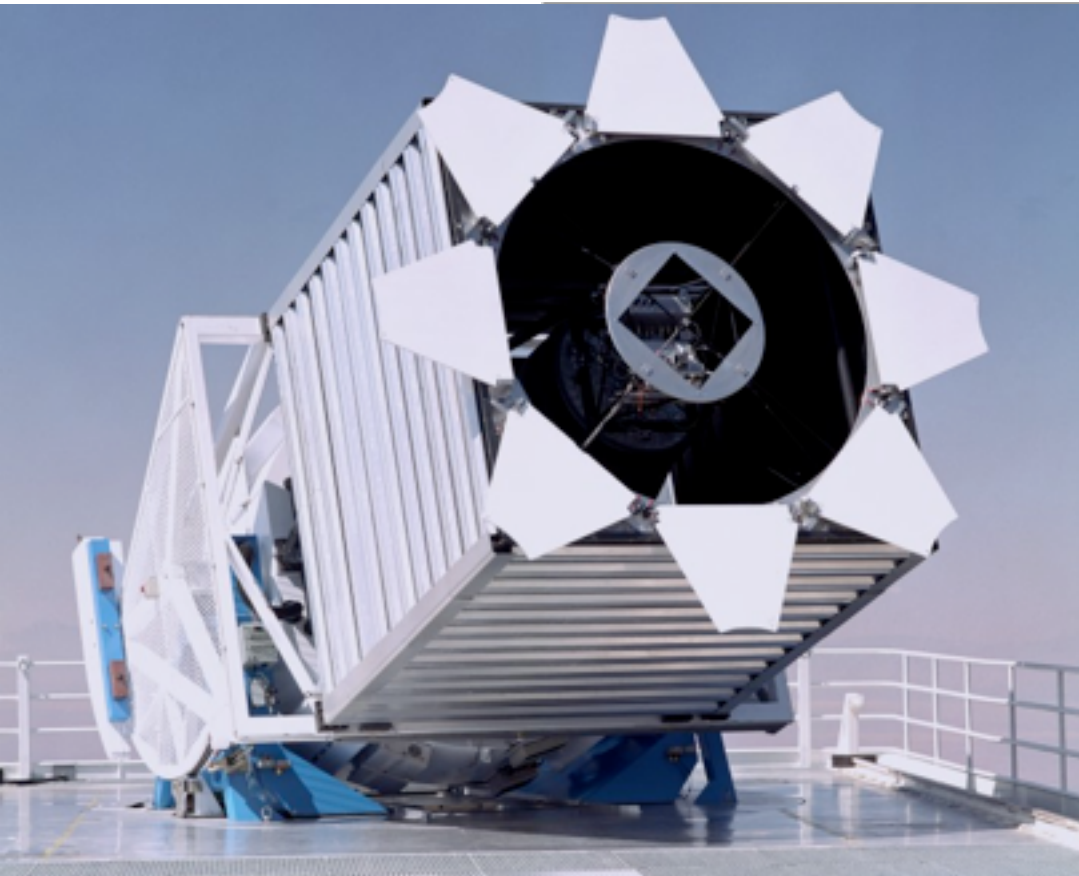
# SDSS

Complete to 11,000 deg<sup>2</sup> extragalactic

Best-calibrated wide-area survey

~1% systematics for BOSS targets; Schlafly & Finkbeiner (2012) <0.5%

Deep enough for the brightest ~7 million BigBOSS targets



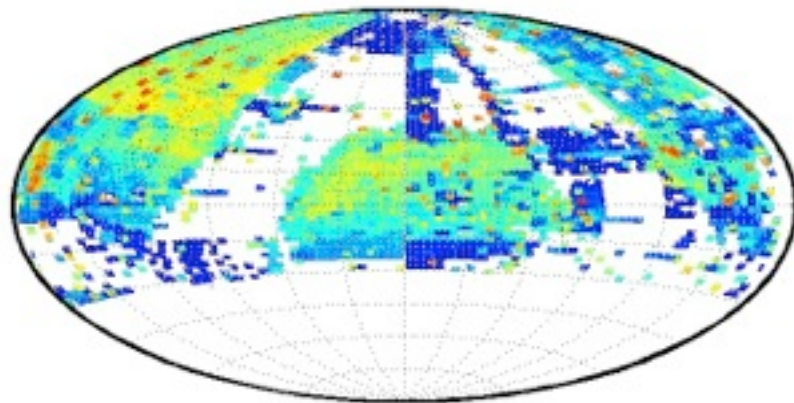
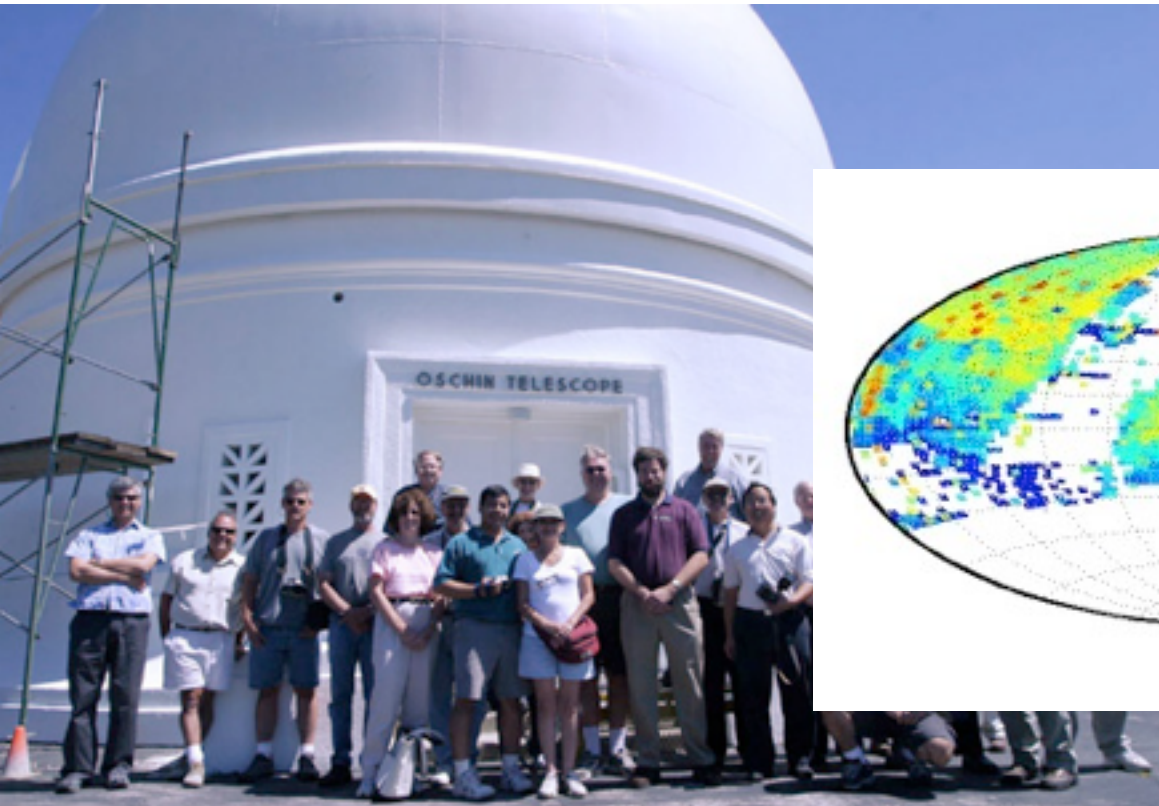


# PTF: Palomar Transient Factory

Palomar 48-in, 7.2 deg<sup>2</sup> camera

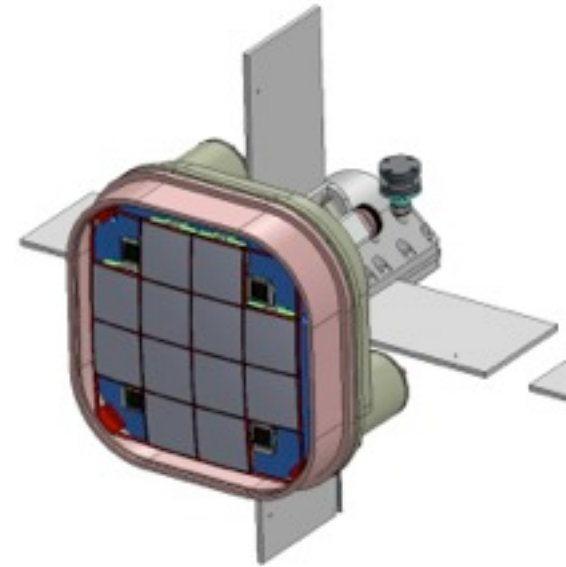
Currently BigBOSS depth over 5000 deg<sup>2</sup> R-band, 1500 deg<sup>2</sup> g-band

Tied to SDSS photometric system



# ZTF: Zwicky Transient Factory

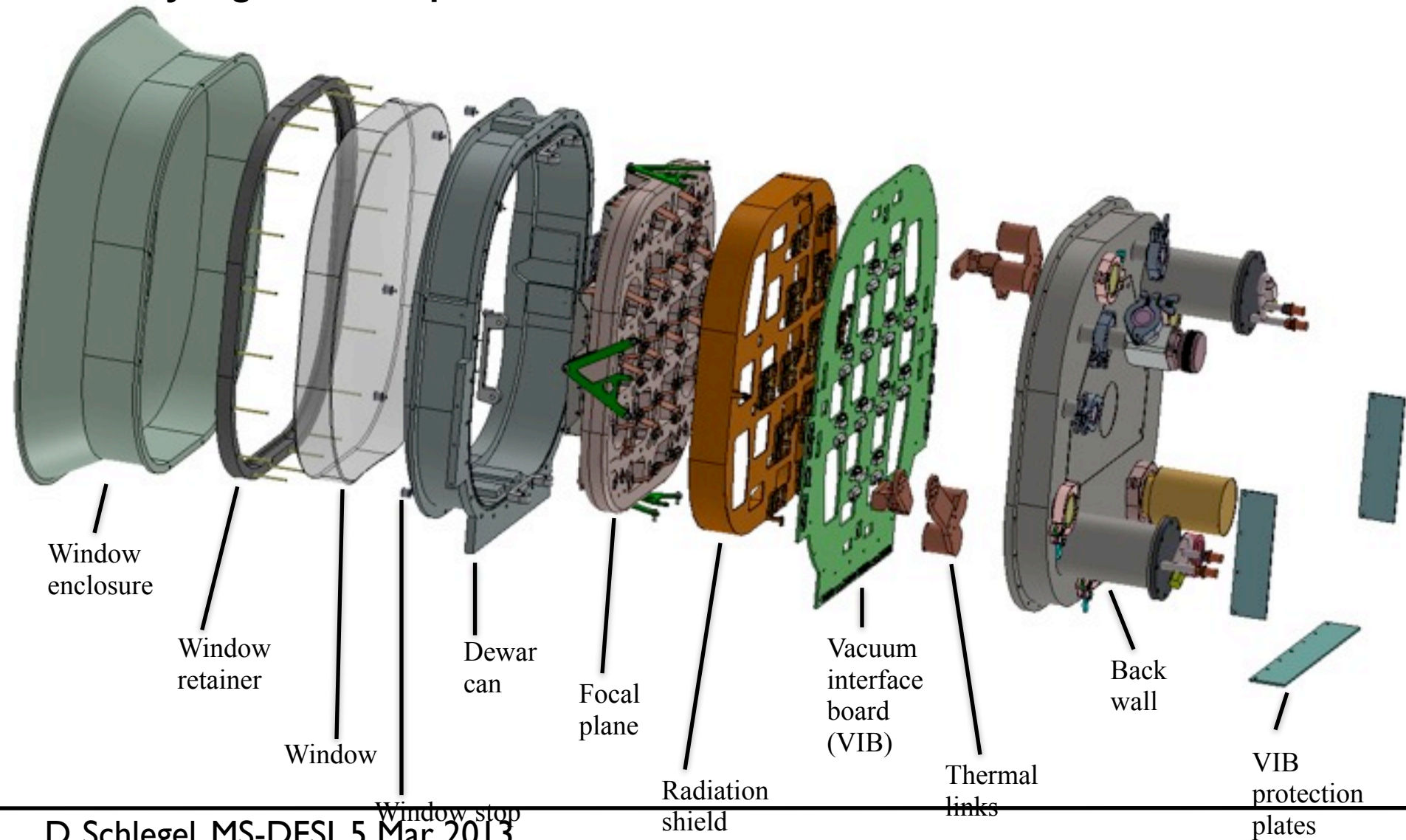
Upgrades PTF on Palomar 48-in, 7 deg<sup>2</sup> -> 36 deg<sup>2</sup> camera  
Survey BigBOSS footprint in 2015-2018



Telescope	$A\Omega$
<i>i</i> PTF / PTF	8.7
DES	11.7
ZTF	46.6
LSST	82.2

# ZTF: Zwicky Transient Factory

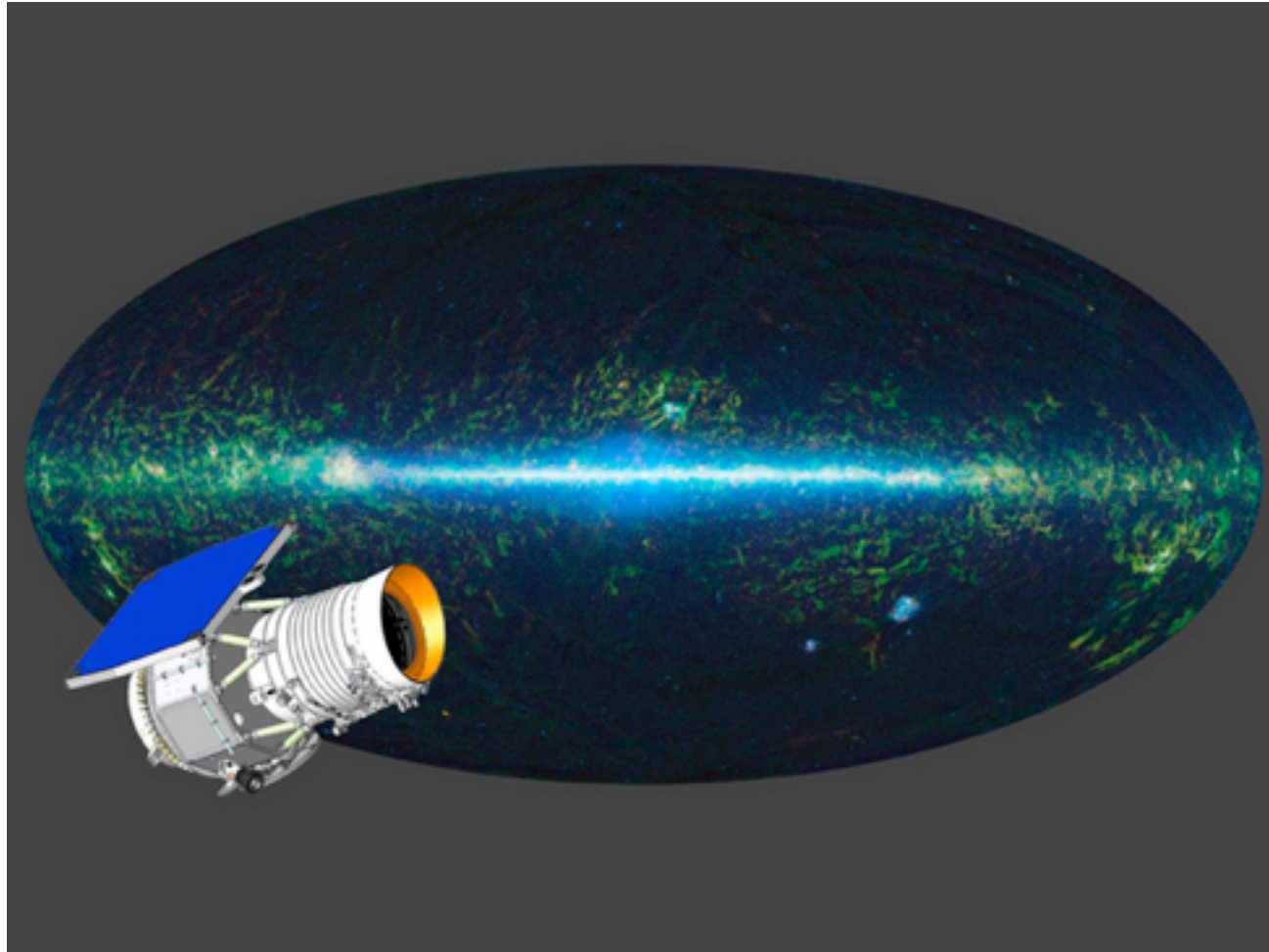
Upgrades PTF on Palomar 48-in, 7 deg<sup>2</sup> -> 36 deg<sup>2</sup> camera  
Survey BigBOSS footprint in 2015-2018





# WISE satellite

Infrared photometry in 3.4, 4.6, 12, 22 micron  
Full sky / completed 2012



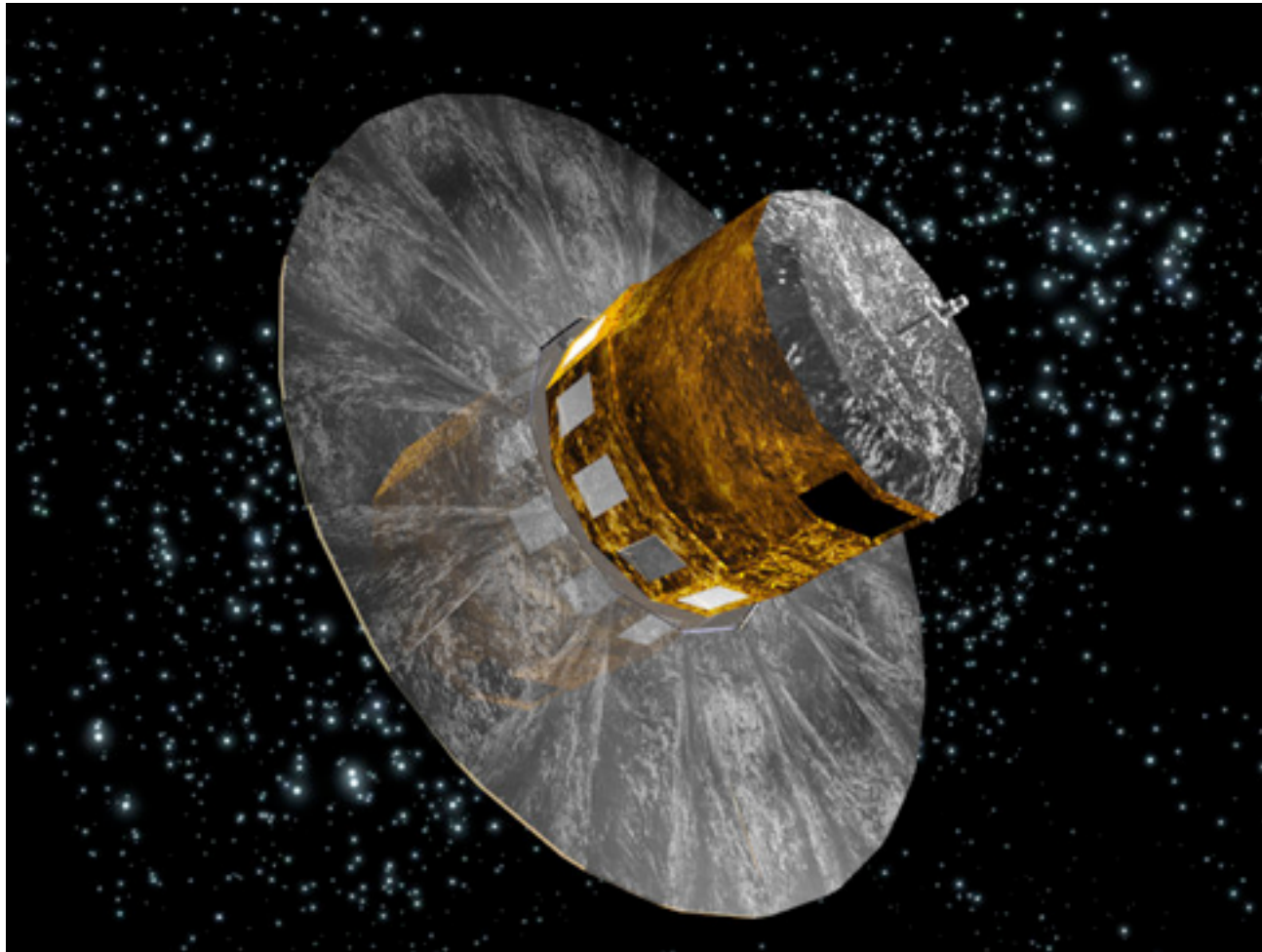


# GAIA satellite

Full-sky astrometric solution  $>100\times$  better than USNO+SDSS

0.01 milli-arcsec at  $G=15$ , 0.3 milli-arcsec at  $G=20$

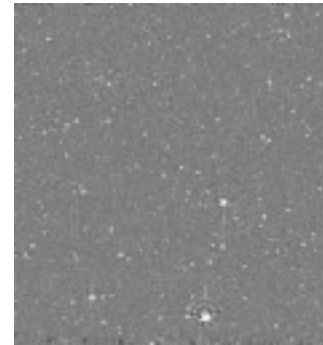
Launch 2013, 1st release catalog 2015



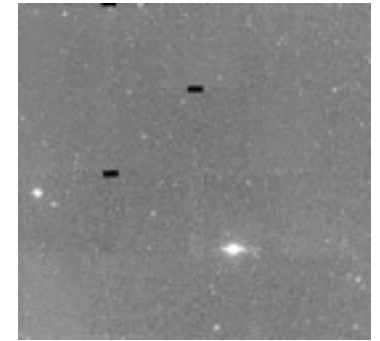
# Targeting tests in CFHT W4 field

- Assembled a panchromatic photometric dataset centered on the CFHT-w4 field (22:13:18 +01:19:00 J2000)
- Goal is two-fold:
  - Test BigBOSS target selection from datasets of varying quality
  - Developing code for uniform photometry measurements using forward modeling techniques (aka ‘Tractor’ – led by Dusting Lang)
- Datasets include:
  - SDSS S82 *ugriz*
  - SCUSS *u*-band
  - CFHT *ugriz* + CS82 shapes
  - PS1-SAS2 *grizy*
  - PTF gR
  - MOSAIC R
  - *WISE* W1-W4
- Initial “staging” requires raw frames have an astrometric solution and measured PSF
- Data is located in the BigBOSS project directory on NERSC

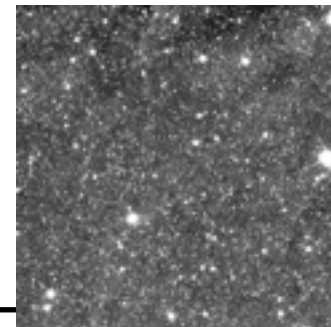
CFHT



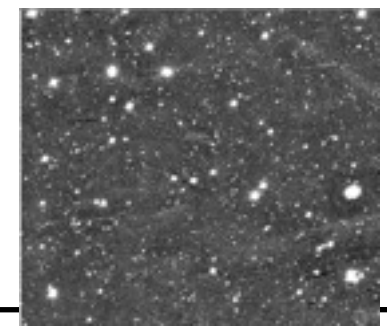
SCUSS



WISE



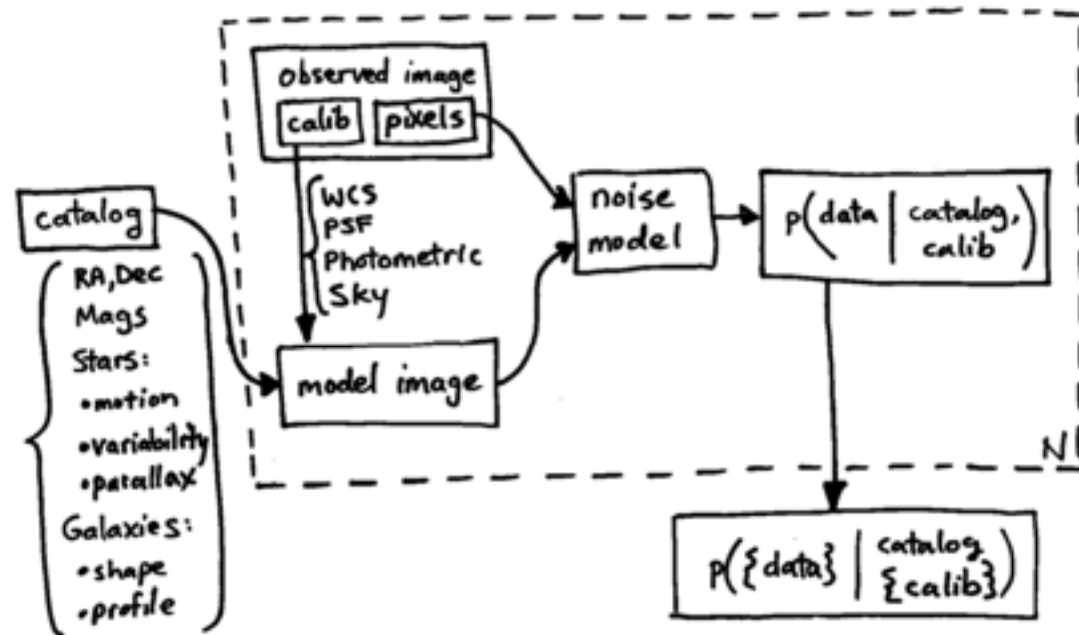
PS1-SAS2



\* Not all to same scale

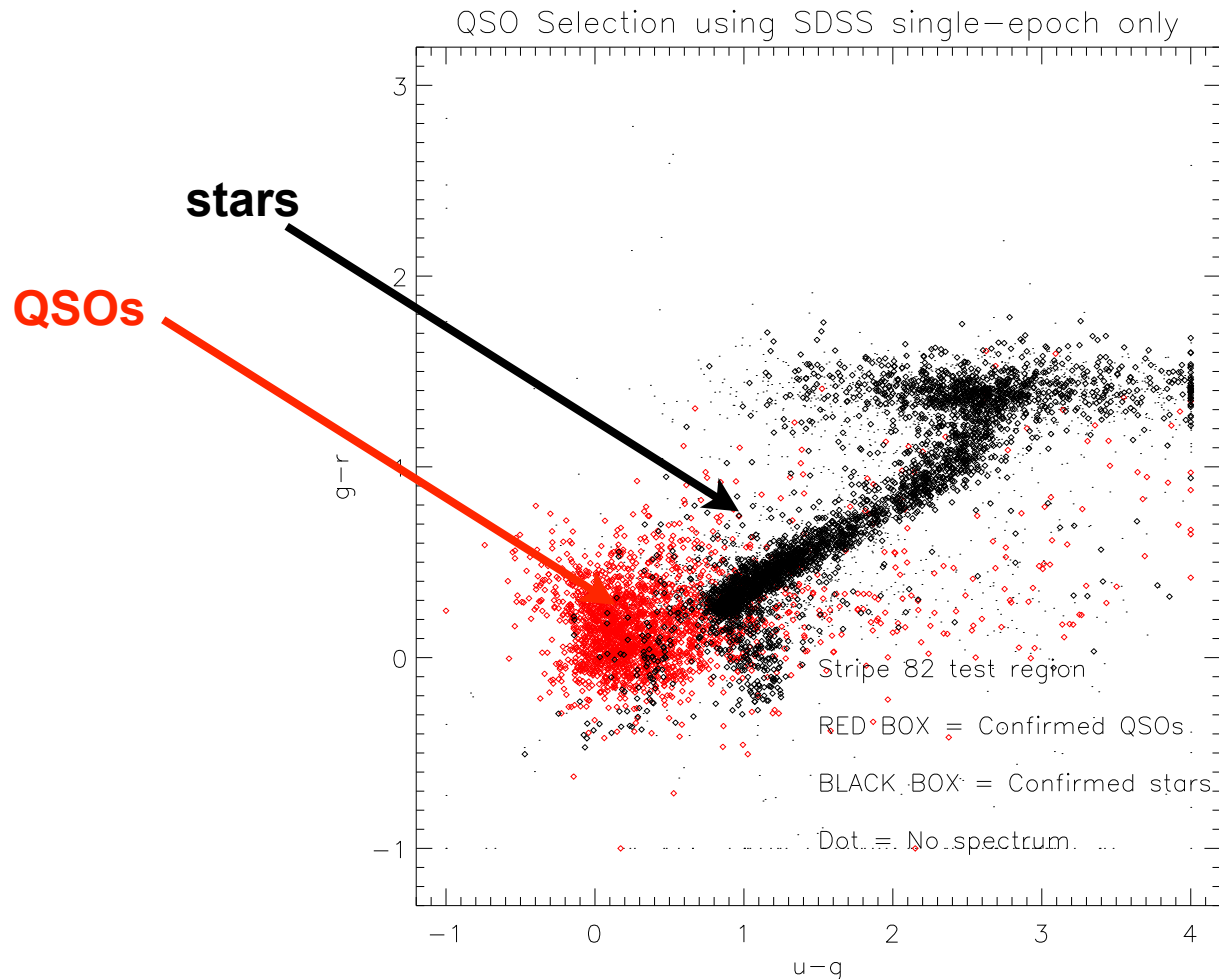
# Targeting tests in CFHT W4 field

Generative model fits to raw data  
Dustin Lang's "Tractor" algorithm



# Targeting tests: SDSS + WISE

**QSO selection in BOSS from optical colors  
suffers ~50% completeness, and ~50% contamination from stars**

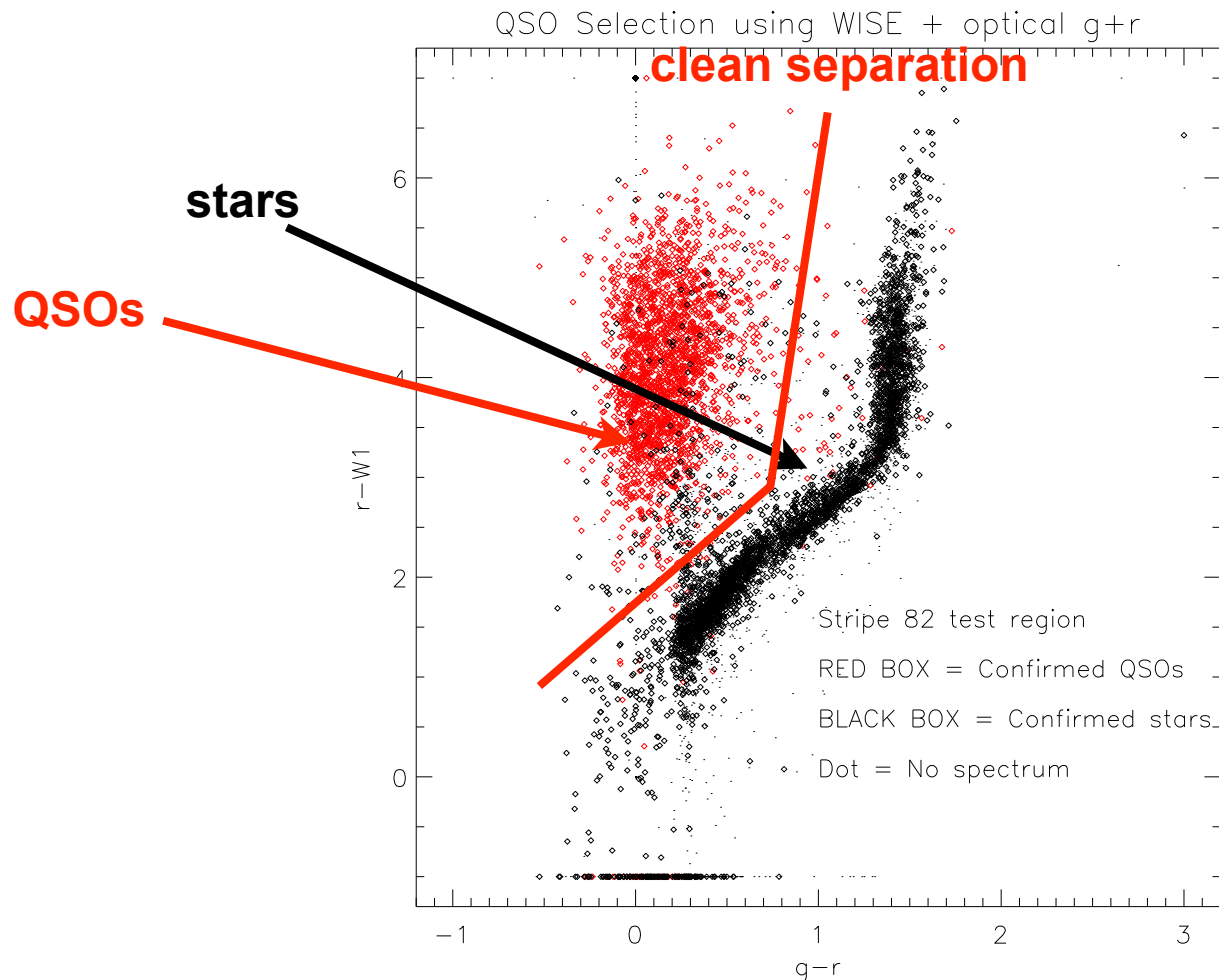




# Targeting tests: SDSS + WISE

QSO selection using “Tractor”-like photometry of WISE infrared images

**Problem solved!**



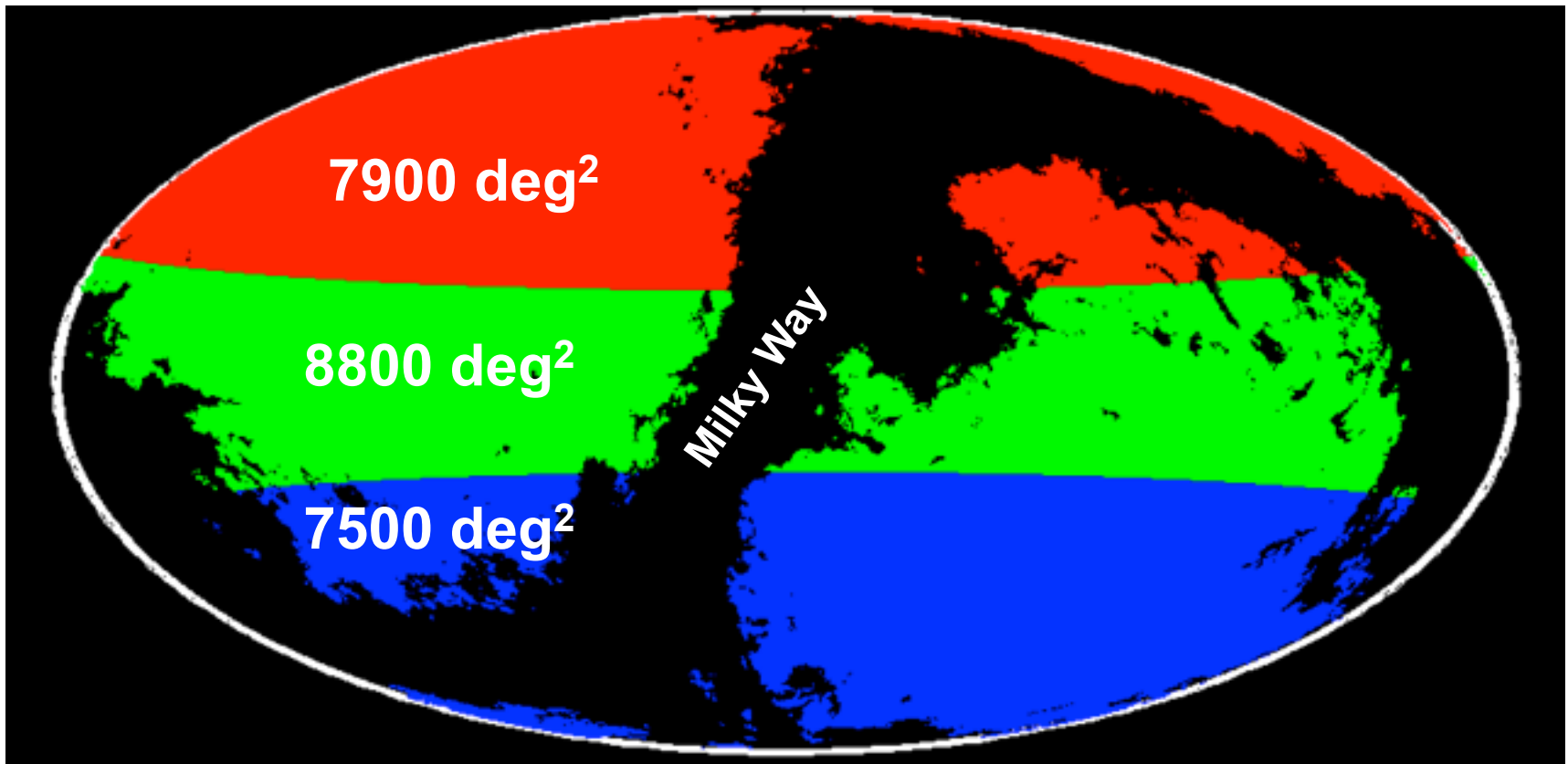
# Other imaging resources in North

Other telescope could augment targeting in North + equatorial zones:

*Pan-STARRS, CFHT, KPNO/MOSAIC, WIYN pODI, Subaru HSC*

In South + equatorial zones:

*CTIO/DECam*

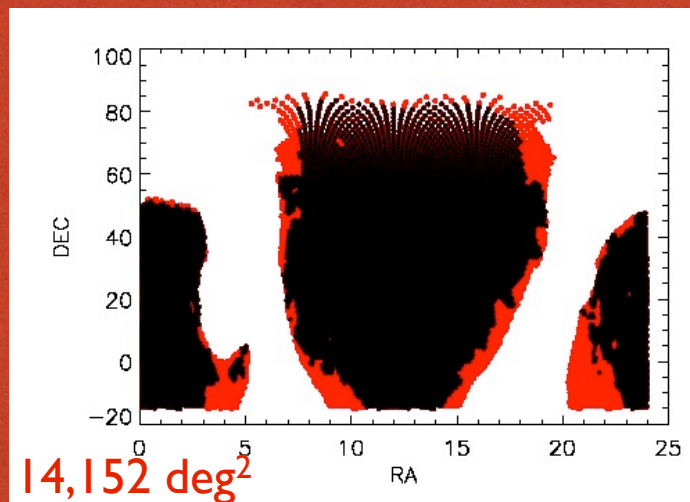


# BigBOSS survey strategy

Observability windows; dynamic exposure times to uniform spectro S/N

## BIGBOSS FOOTPRINT

- Observing simulations: maximize “S/N” threshold used to get a 14,000 deg<sup>2</sup> region inside this footprint.
- Work south to north (hard to easy), in a 5-year plan.
- Results when using first year for full footprint QSO pass are similar.
- Iterative procedure. Variables: extinction, exposure time, airmass.
- Further hand-trimming of footprint required.



Wednesday, October 10, 12

Kyle Dawson

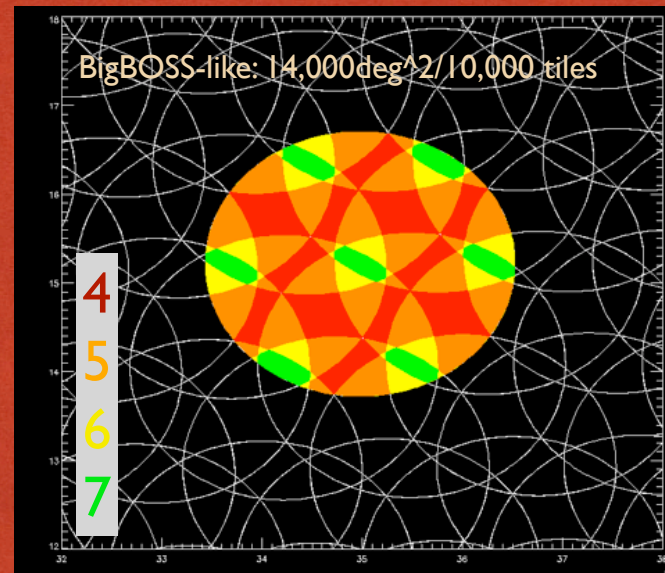


# BigBOSS survey strategy

Circular (not hex) tiles for large area + multiple passes

## BIGBOSS LEXICON

- SDSS=Plates/Tiles -> BigBOSS="pointings"
- Fibers fixed in location -> fibers  $\approx$  pixels
- Each location will be observed multiple times:  $N_{\text{hit}}$  (or  $N_{\text{max}}$ )



Wednesday, October 10, 12

Jeremy Tinker



# BigBOSS survey strategy

Fiber assignments for recovery of BAO+RSD

Optimizing # of targets does worse!

## CLUSTERING RESULTS

- Order of priority matters. ELGs dominate, so maximize LRG/QSO completeness by ranking them higher.

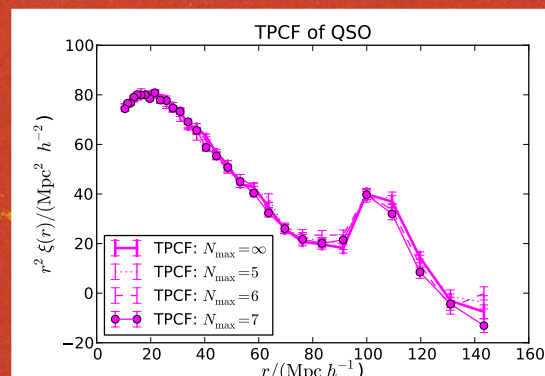


Figure 16. TPCF of QSOs with “Q-L-E-Q-L” sequence of priority.  $N_{\text{max}} = 6$  would be good enough.

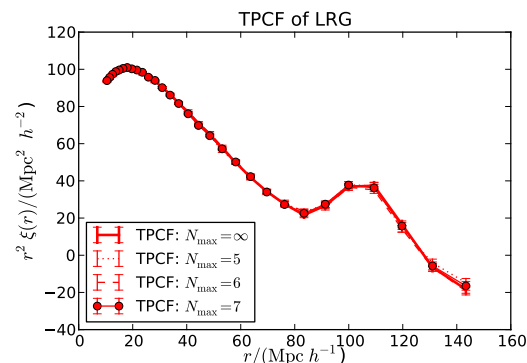


Figure 17. TPCF of LRGs with “Q-L-E-Q-L” sequence of priority. Results with different  $N_{\text{max}}$  almost overlap.

Wednesday, October 10, 12

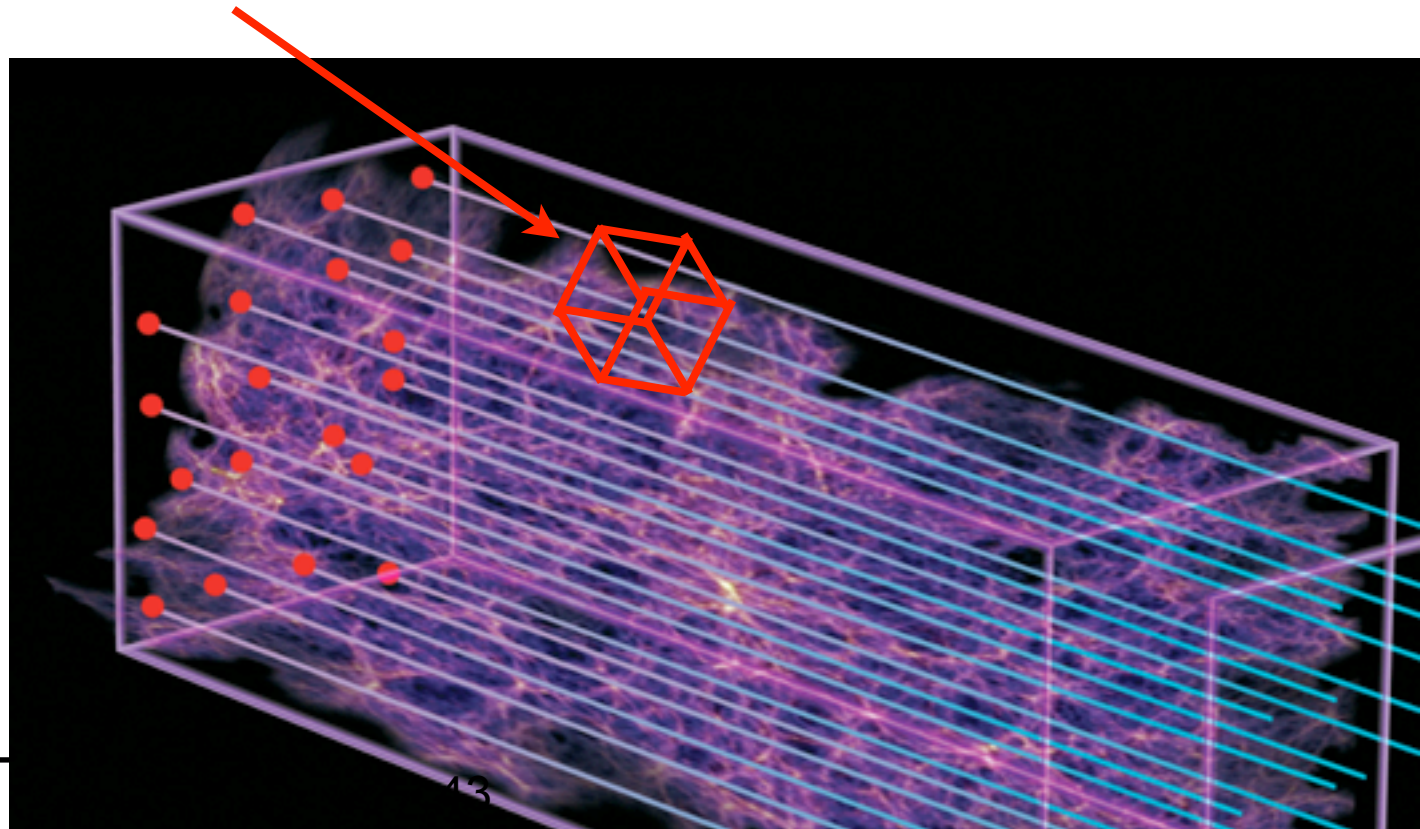
Lile Wang, Martin White

# BigBOSS survey strategy

Interpreting BAO+RSD survey relies upon a “complete sample”,  
i.e. selection function for each box in (RA, Dec, z) very well-understood

Example: BOSS is 98% complete; the additional 2% well-understood

“Fancy” target selection, tiling strategy, etc., would spoil this  
(Ask Martin for the technical definition of “fancy”)

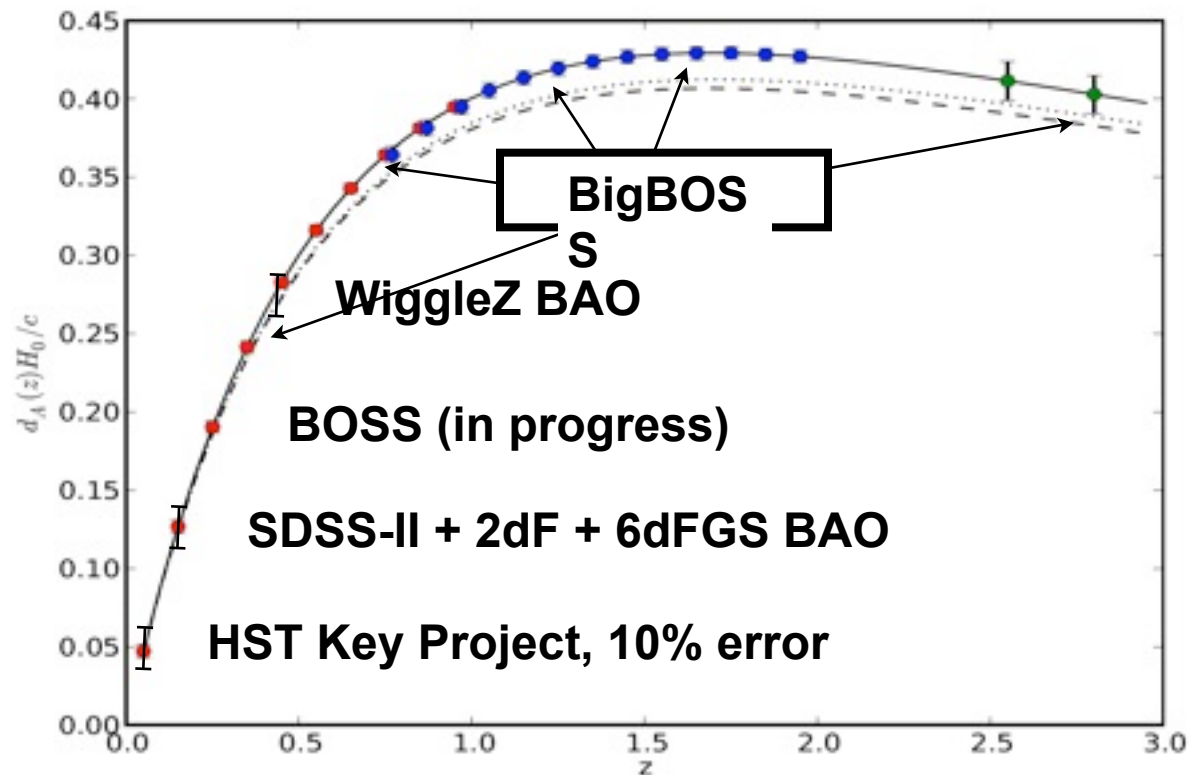


# BigBOSS science reach: BAO

## Dark energy from Stage IV BAO

- *Geometric probe with 0.3-1% precision from  $z=0.5 \rightarrow 3$*
- *35 measurements with 1% precision*

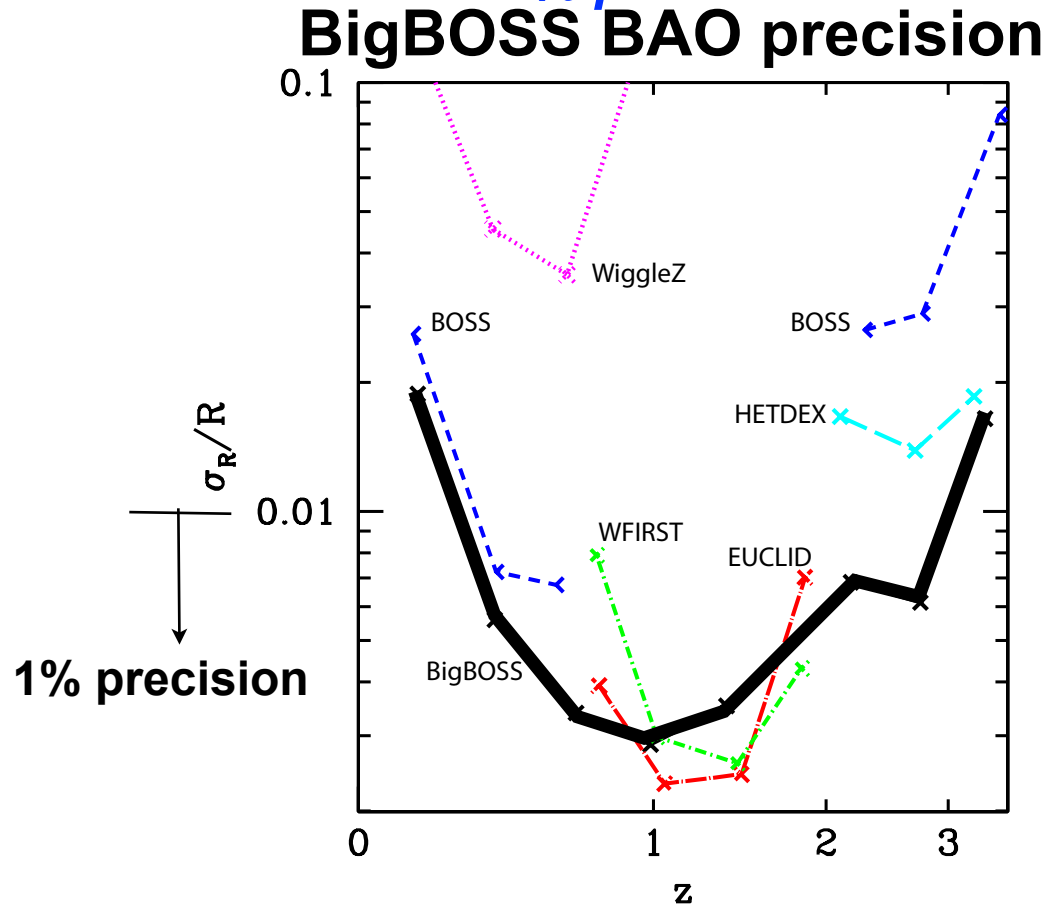
## BigBOSS BAO “Hubble diagram”



# BigBOSS science reach: BAO

## Dark energy from Stage IV BAO

- *Geometric probe with 0.3-1% precision from  $z=0.5 \rightarrow 3$*
- *35 measurements with 1% precision*



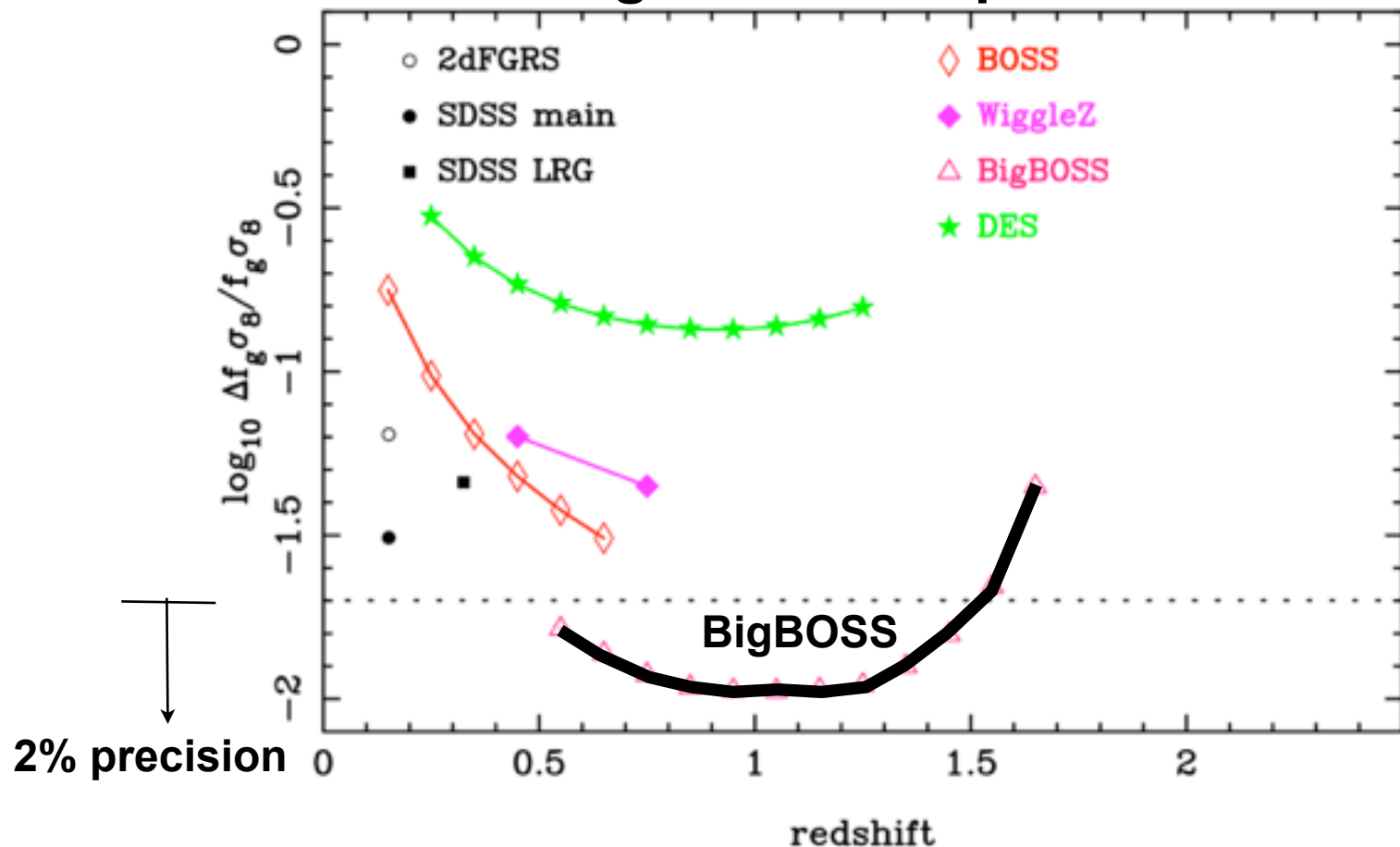


# BigBOSS Stage IV science reach

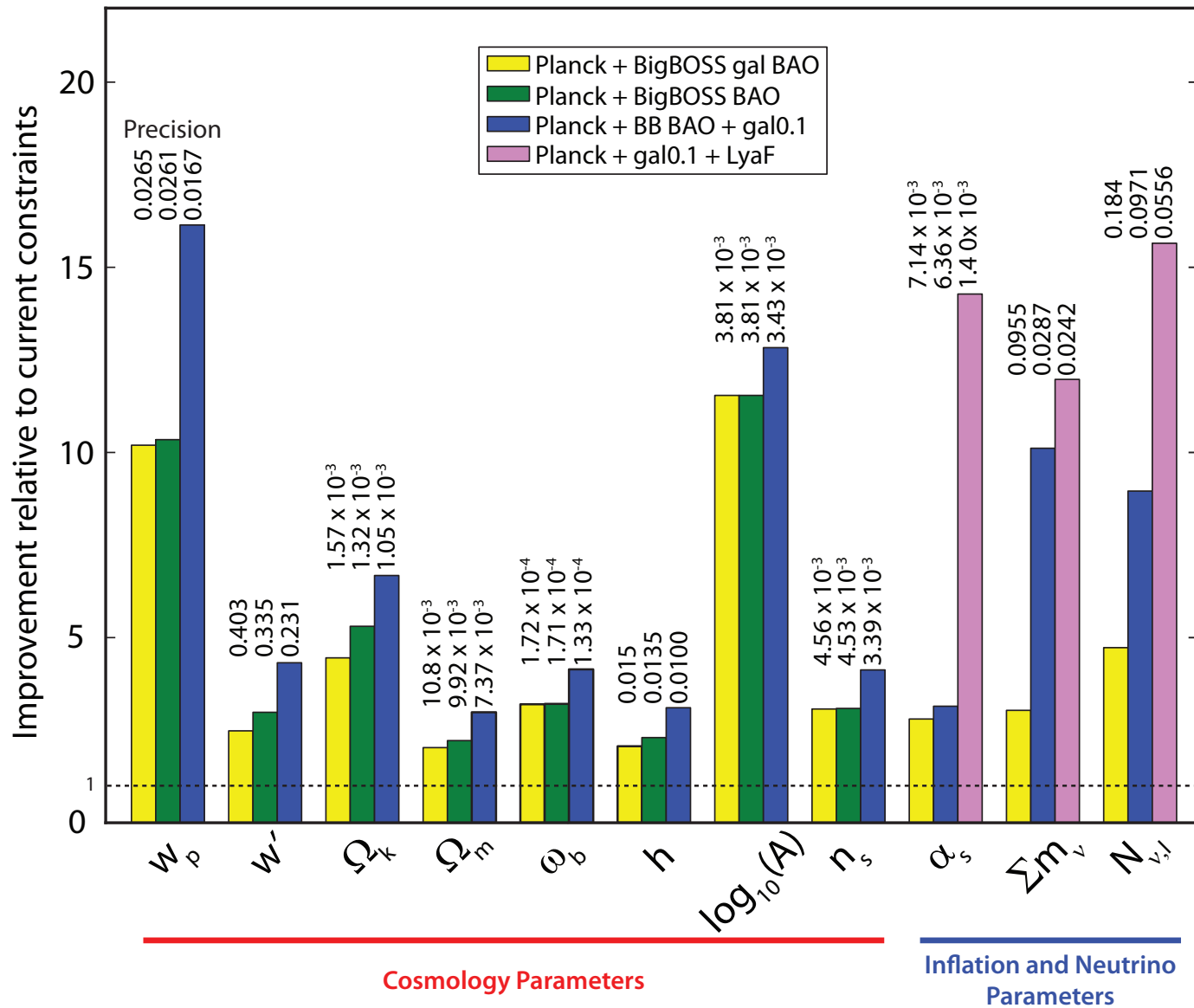
## Dark energy from Stage IV RSD

- *Gravitational growth with 2% precision from  $z=0.5 \rightarrow 1.5$*

### BigBOSS RSD precision



# BigBOSS Stage IV science reach



# BigBOSS optimization

Figure-of-Merit improvement for throughput above baseline design  
Near design optimum in cost per throughput

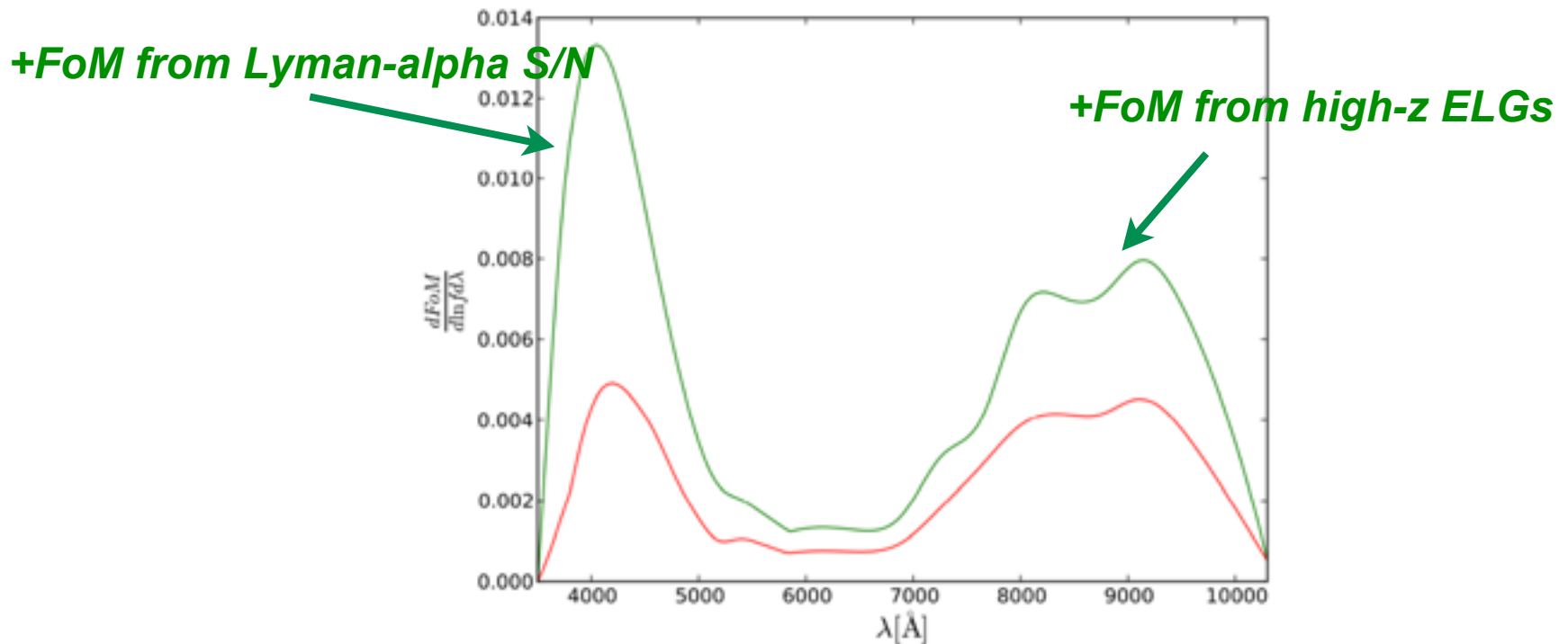
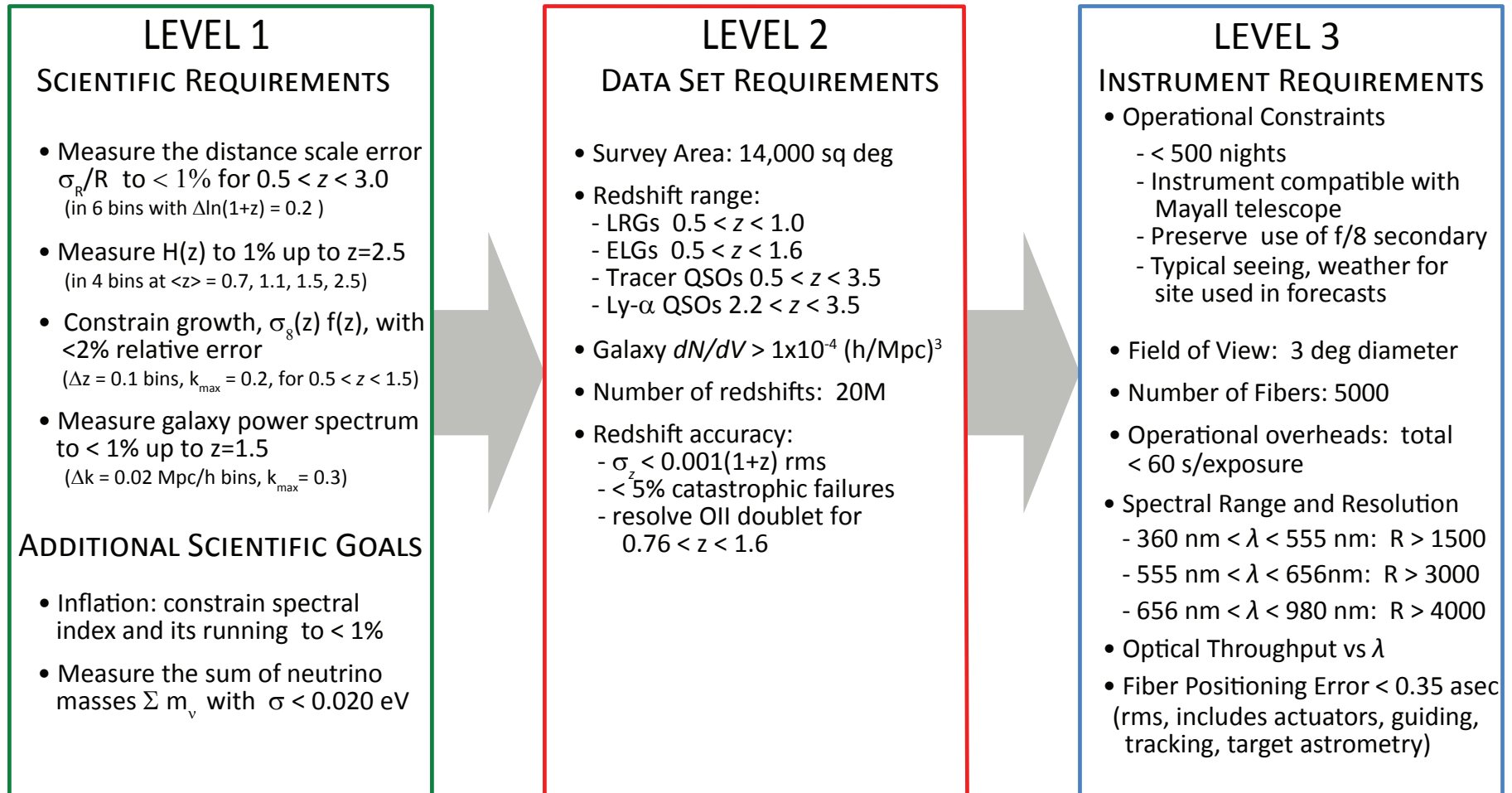


FIG. 2.  $\frac{dFoM}{d \ln f d\lambda}$  where  $d\lambda$  here is intended to mean that you could integrate it over  $\lambda$ . This is using BAO only, combining ELGs and Ly $\alpha$  forest. LRG and quasar numbers are fixed. Green is signal change, red is negative sky change. Planck and a 5%  $H_0$  prior are the only additional data. All of this only makes sense as a perturbation around the baseline.

Pat McDonald

# BigBOSS instrument + survey requirements flowdown

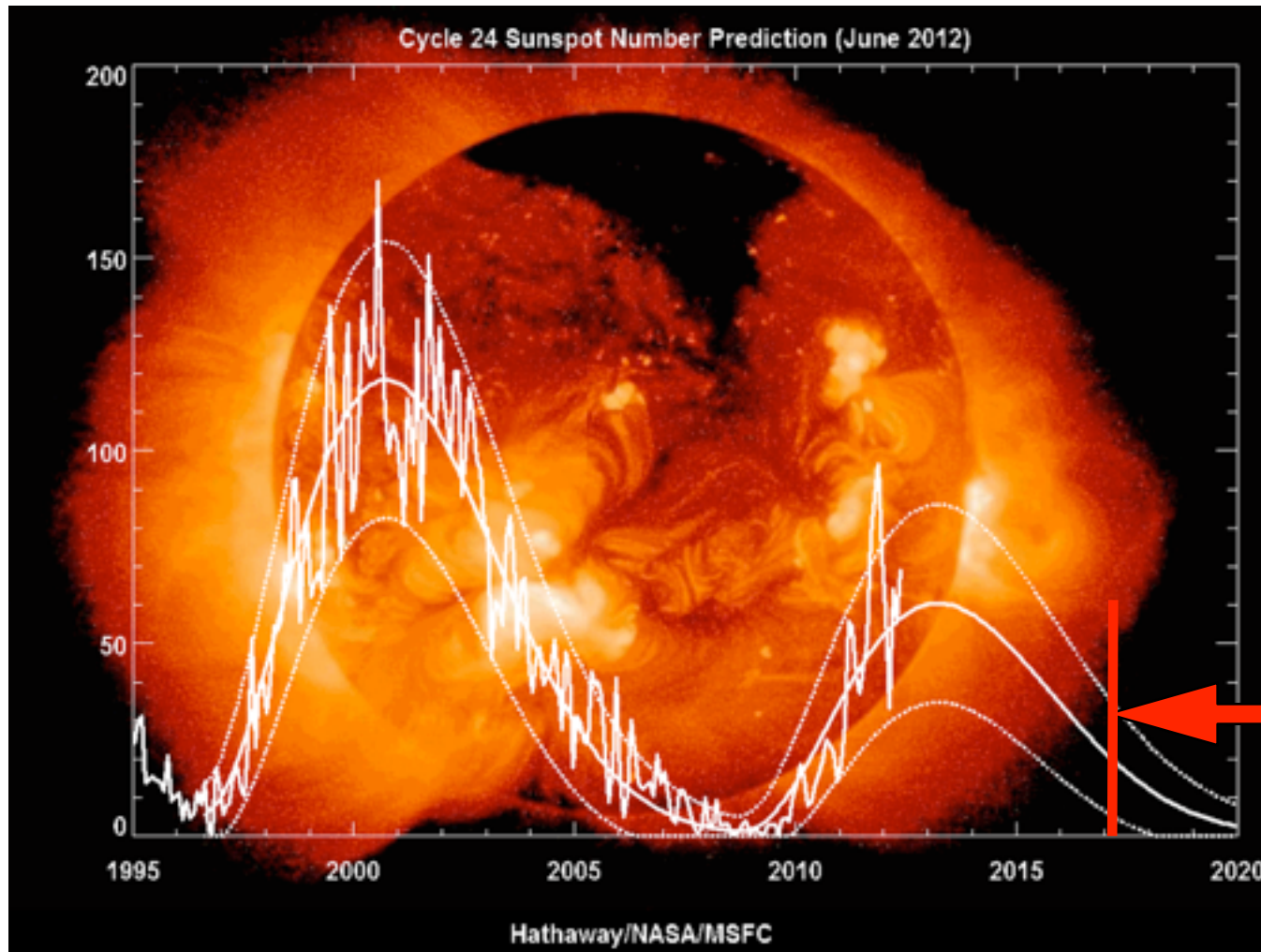
## BIGBOSS SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVE: PERFORM A STAGE IV BAO SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY





# ***Excellent planning for MS DESI time window 2017-2022***

MS DESI achieves higher S/N with low solar activity / darker night sky  
“Weather forecast” for the Sun: 2017-2022 will be low solar activity



# MS-DESI Timeline to results

**First experiment that can deliver stage IV results by 2020**

**SDSS delivered BAO results 6 years from start  
(w/ 3 yrs data in 2005)**

**BOSS delivering BAO results 2.5 years from start  
(w/ 1.5 yrs data)**

Sep 2009 Commissioning

Dec 2009 Survey start

Jul 2011 Data set defined

Feb 2012 BAO results

**MS-DESI to deliver BAO results 2 years from start  
(w/ 1 yr data)**

Dec 2017 Commissioning / pilot observations

Sep 2018 Survey start

Sep 2019 Data set defined

Jan 2020 BAO results